



# Parliamentary Standards Act 2009

## 2009 CHAPTER 13

### *Investigation and enforcement*

#### **10 Offence of providing false or misleading information for allowances claims**

- (1) A member of the House of Commons commits an offence if the member—
  - (a) makes a claim under the MPs' allowances scheme, and
  - (b) provides information for the purposes of the claim that the member knows to be false or misleading in a material respect.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable—
  - (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or to both;
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to a fine or to both.
- (3) In the application of this section—
  - (a) in England and Wales, in relation to an offence committed before the commencement of [F1 paragraph 24(2) of Schedule 22 to the Sentencing Act 2020], or
  - (b) in Northern Ireland,the reference in subsection (2)(a) to 12 months is to be read as a reference to 6 months.

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in s. 10(3)(a) substituted (1.12.2020) by [Sentencing Act 2020 \(c. 17\)](#), s. 416(1), [Sch. 24 para. 443\(1\)](#) (with [Sch. 24 para. 447](#), [Sch. 27](#)); [S.I. 2020/1236](#), reg. 2

#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** For expiry of s. 10 see s. 15

#### **Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 10 in force at 7.5.2010 by [S.I. 2010/1033](#), [art. 3\(b\)](#)

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 01/12/2020. This version of this provision has been superseded.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009, Section 10.