



Foreign Compensation Act 1950

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5 Enforcement of attendance of witnesses, production of documents and furnishing of information.

(1) If any person—

- (a) on being summoned, in accordance with rules made under section four of this Act, as a witness before the Commission, fails to attend; or
- (b) being in attendance as a witness refuses to take an oath or make an affirmation required in accordance with such rules to be taken or made, or to answer any question to which the Commission may legally require an answer; or
- (c) being required in accordance with such rules to produce any document or furnish any information, fails without reasonable excuse to comply with that requirement; or
- (d) does any other thing which would, if the Commission had been a court of law having power to commit for contempt, have been contempt of court;

the chairman of the Commission may certify the offence of that person under his hand to the High Court, and the court may thereupon inquire into the alleged offence and may punish or take steps for the punishment of that person in like manner as if he had been guilty of contempt of the court.

(2) A witness before the Commission shall be entitled to the same immunities and privileges as if he were a witness before the High Court.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 5(2) amended by (E.W.) [Civil Evidence Act 1968 \(c. 64\), s. 17\(1\)](#) and (N.I.) [Civil Evidence Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1971 \(c. 36\), s. 13\(1\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Foreign Compensation Act 1950, Section 5.