



# Charities Act 2011

## 2011 CHAPTER 25

### PART 5

#### INFORMATION POWERS

##### *Power to call for documents and search records*

#### **53 Power to search records**

- (1) Any member of the staff of the Commission, if so authorised by it, is entitled without payment to inspect and take copies of or extracts from the records or other documents of—
  - (a) any court, or
  - (b) any public registry or office of records,for any purpose connected with the discharge of the functions of the Commission or of the official custodian.
- (2) The reference in subsection (1) to a member of the staff of the Commission includes the official custodian even if not a member of the staff of the Commission.
- (3) The rights conferred by subsection (1), in relation to information recorded otherwise than in legible form, include the right to require the information to be made available in legible form—
  - (a) for inspection, or
  - (b) for a copy or extract to be made of or from it.