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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES COMMISSIONER FOR STANDARDS MEASURE 2009

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 13: Oaths and affirmations

27. **Section 13** (which parallels section 40(1) of the Act) enables the Commissioner to require a person who attends to give evidence (whether voluntarily or not) to take an oath or make an affirmation. The importance of this power is that it further strengthens the Commissioner's investigatory power. A witness who, having taken an oath or made an affirmation, gives false evidence, commits the offence of perjury under section 2 of the Perjury Act 1911 (currently punishable by a fine and up to two years imprisonment).