



Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

1999 CHAPTER 33

PART VIII

DETENTION CENTRES AND DETAINED PERSONS

Miscellaneous

158 Wrongful disclosure of information

- (1) A person who is or has been employed (whether as a detainee custody officer, prisoner custody officer or otherwise)—
 - (a) in accordance with escort arrangements,
 - (b) at a contracted out detention centre, or
 - (c) to perform contracted out functions at a directly managed detention centre,is guilty of an offence if he discloses, otherwise than in the course of his duty or as authorised by the Secretary of State, any information which he acquired in the course of his employment and which relates to a particular detained person.
- (2) A person guilty of such an offence is liable—
 - (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine or to both;
 - (b) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or to both.
- (3) “Contracted out functions” means functions which, as the result of a contract entered into under section 150, fall to be performed by detainee custody officers or certified prisoner custody officers.

159 Power of constable to act outside his jurisdiction

- (1) For the purpose of taking a person to or from a detention centre under the order of any authority competent to give the order, a constable may act outside the area of his jurisdiction.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (2) When acting under this section, the constable concerned retains all the powers, authority, protection and privileges of his office.