



Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002

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PART 3

OTHER NEW INSTITUTIONS

Chief Inspector of Criminal Justice

48 Powers of inspectors

- (1) A person involved in the carrying out of an inspection or review by the Chief Inspector may, on showing evidence of his authority (if required to do so), enter any premises at any reasonable hour for the purposes of the inspection or review.
- (2) Such a person may, for the purposes of the inspection or review, require—
 - (a) that documents be produced in a form in which they can be taken away or be made available for inspection and copying,
 - (b) that an explanation be given of any document produced or made available, or
 - (c) that other information be provided.
- (3) A person commits an offence if—
 - (a) he fails, without reasonable excuse, to comply with a requirement imposed on him by virtue of subsection (2), or
 - (b) he intentionally obstructs a person involved in the carrying out of an inspection or review by the Chief Inspector.
- (4) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (3) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
- (5) “Document” includes anything in which information is stored in electronic or any other form; and, in relation to anything containing information in electronic form, references to production or making available are to production or making available in a form in which the information is readily intelligible.