

# Political Parties and Elections Act 2009

# **2009 CHAPTER 12**

### PART 2

#### POLITICAL DONATIONS ETC AND EXPENDITURE

Responsible persons and compliance officers

## 17 Control of loans etc to holders of elective office: compliance officers

In Schedule 7A to the 2000 Act (control of loans etc to individuals etc), at the end there is inserted—

#### "Compliance officers

- 18 (1) This paragraph applies where a regulated participant who is the holder of a relevant elective office (the "office-holder") has given a notice to the Commission under paragraph 17 of Schedule 7 appointing an individual as compliance officer for the office-holder.
  - (2) Where the notice is for the time being in force—
    - (a) any duty imposed on the office-holder under paragraph 9, 10, 11 or 13 may be discharged either by the office-holder or by the compliance officer;
    - (b) paragraph 12(1) and (2) applies to the compliance officer as well as the office-holder (so that either or both of them may be charged with an offence under paragraph 12(1) or (2));
    - (c) if the compliance officer makes a declaration under paragraph 13, paragraph 13(4) applies to the compliance officer instead of the office-holder.
  - (3) The compliance officer for an office-holder cannot be guilty of an offence under paragraph 12(1) or (2) in respect of any controlled transaction entered into by the office-holder at a time when the notice was not in force."