



Financial Services Act 2012

2012 CHAPTER 21

PART 5

INQUIRIES AND INVESTIGATIONS

Inquiries

72 Obstruction and contempt

- (1) If a person (“P”)—
- (a) fails to comply with a requirement imposed on P by a person holding an inquiry under section 69, or
 - (b) otherwise obstructs such an inquiry,
- the person holding the inquiry may certify the matter to the High Court (or, in Scotland, the Court of Session).
- (2) The court may enquire into the matter.
- (3) If, after hearing—
- (a) any witnesses who may be produced against or on behalf of P, and
 - (b) any statement made by or on behalf of P,
- the court is satisfied that P would have been in contempt of court if the inquiry had been proceedings before the court, it may deal with P as if P were in contempt.

Commencement Information

11 S. 72 in force at 1.4.2013 by [S.I. 2013/423](#), art. 3, [Sch.](#)

Changes to legislation:

Financial Services Act 2012, Section 72 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 18 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act power to apply conferred (temp.) by [2014 c. 21 s. 79\(4\)](#)
- Act power to apply conferred (temp.) by [2014 c. 21 s. 81\(10\)](#)