



# Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015

## 2015 CHAPTER 2

### PART 3

#### COURTS AND TRIBUNALS

##### *Juries and members of the Court Martial*

#### 72 Sharing research with other jurors

In the Juries Act 1974, after section 20A insert—

**“20B Offence: sharing research with other jurors**

- (1) It is an offence for a member of a jury that tries an issue in a case before a court intentionally to disclose information to another member of the jury during the trial period if—
  - (a) the member contravened section 20A in the process of obtaining the information, and
  - (b) the information has not been provided by the court.
- (2) Information has been provided by the court if (and only if) it has been provided as part of—
  - (a) evidence presented in the proceedings on the issue, or
  - (b) other information provided to the jury or a juror during the trial period by, or with the permission of, the judge dealing with the issue.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable, on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or a fine (or both).
- (4) Proceedings for an offence under this section may not be instituted except by or with the consent of the Attorney General.
- (5) In this section, “the trial period” has the same meaning as in section 20A.”

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the  
Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015, Section 72. (See end of Document for details)

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#### Commencement Information

**II** [S. 72](#) in force at 13.4.2015 by [S.I. 2015/778](#), art. 3, **Sch. 1 para. 57** (with [Sch. 2 para. 3\(a\)](#))

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