

Offences.

14. (1) Every person shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, with or without hard labour, or to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or to both such imprisonment and such fine, who knowingly

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- (a) makes a false or misleading statement orally or in writing with the intention of influencing any decision with respect to the payment of an allowance either for himself or for any other person;
- (b) makes or presents to any inspector or person appointed to make an inquiry under this Act any statement or document which is false in any material part;
- (c) cashes any cheque for an allowance to which he is not entitled;
- (d) being a person to whom an allowance is payable, fails to report, as required by subsection four of section four of this Act, that an allowance has ceased to be payable in respect of such child or, in the case of a parent, that he has ceased to maintain the child.

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Limitation.

(2) No prosecution under this section or for an offence created by the regulations may be commenced after three years from the commission of the offence.

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Consent of the Minister.

(3) No prosecution under this section or for an offence created by the regulations shall be instituted without the written consent of the Minister.

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Annual report.

15. The Minister shall submit to Parliament within fifteen days of the commencement of the first session of Parliament in each year a report of expenditures and administration in connection with this Act during the previous fiscal year.

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Payment of expenses.

16. The expenses necessary for the administration of this Act, other than payment of allowances, shall be payable out of moneys appropriated by Parliament for the purpose.