

Appendix 4: Relevant extracts of the London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (Amendment) Bill and Explanatory Memorandum as introduced on 16 March 2011

Extract from the Bill

Ticket touting

Clause 3. Increase of maximum fine

(1) In section 31(6) of the London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Act 2006 (penalty for ticket touting offence), for “level 5 on the standard scale” substitute “£20,000”.

(2) Subsection (1) applies only where the offence under section 31(1) of that Act is committed after the commencement of this section.

Extract from the Explanatory Memorandum

Summary and Background

Sale of tickets – increase of maximum fine

8. Section 31 of the 2006 Act provides that the sale of 2012 Games tickets in a public place or in the course of a business, other than with the consent of the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Limited, is an offence subject to a maximum fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale (currently £5,000). Clause 3 provides that the maximum fine is increased to £20,000 but makes no other changes to the existing provision on the sale of tickets.

Commentary on Clauses

Clause 3 – Sale of tickets – increase of maximum fine

54. This clause increases the maximum penalty for the illegal sale of 2012 Games tickets from £5,000 to £20,000. The new higher penalty applies only to offences committed after the commencement of the provision: see *subsection (2)*.

55. Offences under section 31 of the 2006 Act will remain summary only, despite the higher level of fine available.