

interest of the prices of goods and the rates of services ; or for any other purpose relative to the industries of Samoa.

(2.) For the purpose of any such investigation the Board may by order require any person, firm, or body corporate engaged or concerned or supposed to be engaged or concerned in any industry to answer in writing, within such time and in such form as the Board thinks fit, any questions which relate to that industry or to the connection of that person, firm, or body corporate therewith, or to any other matter within the purpose of this Order.

(3.) For the purpose of such investigation the Board may by order require any person, firm, or body corporate engaged or concerned or supposed to be engaged or concerned in any industry to produce for the inspection of any member of the Board, or of any officer or other person nominated in that behalf by the Board, any books or documents in the possession or control of the person, firm, or body corporate relative to any matter affecting that industry, and to allow copies of or extracts from such books or documents to be made by the person so inspecting them.

(4.) If default is made by any person, firm, or body corporate in obedience to any order of the Board under this clause, such person, firm, or body corporate, and each member of such firm and every person who counsels, procures, or is otherwise knowingly concerned in such default, shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds.

(5.) Every person who deceives, obstructs, or attempts to deceive or obstruct the Board or any member or officer thereof, or any person nominated by the Board as aforesaid, in the conduct of any such investigation shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

(6.) All information obtained by the Board or by any member, officer, or agent thereof by means of any such investigation shall be treated as confidential, subject only to the right of publication expressly conferred on the Board by this Order.

9. So far as such publication is deemed by the Board to be expedient in the public interest, it shall be lawful for the Board from time to time to publish in such manner as it thinks fit any information obtained by the Board in the course of any investigation under this Order, and any report, findings, recommendations, or comments made with respect thereto by the Board or by its members.

10. The publication of any such matter by the Board, and the republication by any other person of any matter published by the Board, or of any part of such matter, shall be absolutely privileged, and the matter so published or republished shall be a lawful subject of comment within the meaning of the law of defamation, and no action shall be brought by any person for the publication or republication of such matter whether on the ground of defamation or otherwise.

11. (1.) Every person commits an offence who, either as principal or agent, sells or supplies or offers for sale or supply any goods at a price which is unreasonably high.

(2.) For the purposes of this clause the price of any goods shall be deemed to be unreasonably high if it produces or is calculated to produce more than a fair and reasonable rate of profit to the person selling or supplying or offering to sell or supply those goods or to his principal.

(3.) Every person commits an offence who being in possession of goods for mercantile purposes destroys or hoards and refuses to sell such goods or to make them available for sale, if such destruction or hoarding and refusal raises or tends to raise the cost of other similar goods to the public.