



# Criminal Justice Act 1991

## 1991 CHAPTER 53

### PART IV

#### PROVISION OF SERVICES

##### *Contracted out prisons*

#### **88 Intervention by the Secretary of State.**

- (1) This section applies where, in the case of a contracted out prison, it appears to the Secretary of State—
  - (a) that the director has lost, or is likely to lose, effective control of the prison or any part of it; and
  - (b) that the making of an appointment under subsection (2) below is necessary in the interests of preserving the safety of any person, or of preventing serious damage to any property.
- (2) The Secretary of State may appoint a Crown servant to act as governor of the prison for the period—
  - (a) beginning with the time specified in the appointment; and
  - (b) ending with the time specified in the notice of termination under subsection (4) below.
- (3) During that period—
  - (a) all the functions which would otherwise be exercisable by the director or the controller shall be exercisable by the governor;
  - (b) [<sup>F1</sup>the contractor and any sub-contractor of his shall each] do all that he reasonably can to facilitate the exercise by the governor of those functions; and
  - (c) the officers of the prison shall comply with any directions given by the governor in the exercise of those functions.
- (4) Where the Secretary of State is satisfied—

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- (a) that the governor has secured effective control of the prison or, as the case may be, the relevant part of it; and
- (b) that the governor's appointment is no longer necessary as mentioned in subsection (1)(b) above,

he shall, by a notice to the governor, terminate the appointment at a time specified in the notice.

- (5) As soon as practicable after making or terminating an appointment under this section, the Secretary of State shall give a notice of the appointment, or a copy of the notice of termination, to the contractor, [<sup>F2</sup>any sub-contractor of his,]the director and the controller.

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#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 88(3)(b) substituted (3.11.1994) by 1994 c. 33, s. 101(2).
  - F2** Words in s. 88(5) inserted (3.11.1994) by 1994 c. 33, s. 101(3).
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#### Commencement Information

- I1** S. 88 wholly in force at 31.10.1991 see s. 102(2)(3) and S.I. 1991/2208, art. 2(4) and Sch. 3

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

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 24(2)(ba) inserted by [2013 c. 22 s. 26\(7\)](#)
- s. 46(3)(aa) substituted for word by [2008 c. 4 s. 33\(7\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 33(2)(4)(7)(8) omitted (3.12.2012) by virtue of 2012 c. 10, s. 118(4)(a); S.I. 2012/2906, art. 2(d))
- s. 46ZA inserted by [2008 c. 4 s. 33\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S. 33(2)(4)(7)(8) omitted (3.12.2012) by virtue of 2012 c. 10, s. 118(4)(a); S.I. 2012/2906, art. 2(d))