Regional Development Agencies Act 1998

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PART I

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES

Information, reports and accountability

16 Provision of information etc. to the Secretary of State

A regional development agency shall provide the Secretary of State with such information, advice and assistance as he may require.

17 Annual report

(1) As soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each accounting period, a regional development agency shall prepare a report on its activities during that period and shall send a copy of that report to the Secretary of State.

(2) A report under this section shall—

(a) be in such form and contain such information as the Secretary of State may specify by directions to the agency, and

(b) set out any other directions given to the agency under this Part during the period to which the report relates.

(3) Following receipt of a report under this section, the Secretary of State shall lay a copy of it before each House of Parliament and arrange for copies of it to be published in such manner as he considers appropriate.

(4) In this section, "accounting period" has the same meaning as in section 14.

18 Regional accountability

(1) The Secretary of State may by directions require a regional development agency for which there is a regional chamber under section 8(1)—

(a) to supply the chamber with information of such description as may be specified in the directions,

(b) to answer questions put by the chamber about information supplied to it by the agency and to do so in such manner as may be so specified, and

(c) to take such other steps for the purpose of accounting to the chamber for the exercise of its functions as may be so specified.

(2) A regional development agency shall hold a public meeting within such period after the publication of its annual report as the Secretary of State may by directions specify.

(3) A regional development agency shall give such notice of a meeting held for the purposes of subsection (2) as the Secretary of State may by directions specify and publish it in such manner as he may so specify.

(4) The Secretary of State may give a regional development agency guidance and directions with respect to the conduct of a meeting held for the purposes of subsection (2).