



Adoption and Children Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 38

PART 1

ADOPTION

CHAPTER 2

THE ADOPTION SERVICE

Supplemental

14 Default power of appropriate Minister

- (1) If the appropriate Minister is satisfied that any local authority have failed, without reasonable excuse, to comply with any of the duties imposed on them by virtue of this Act or of section 1 or 2(4) of the Adoption (Intercountry Aspects) Act 1999 (c. 18), he may make an order declaring that authority to be in default in respect of that duty.
- (2) An order under subsection (1) must give the appropriate Minister's reasons for making it.
- (3) An order under subsection (1) may contain such directions as appear to the appropriate Minister to be necessary for the purpose of ensuring that, within the period specified in the order, the duty is complied with.
- (4) Any such directions are enforceable, on the appropriate Minister's application, by a mandatory order.

Commencement Information

- 11** S. 14 in force at 30.12.2005 for E. by [S.I. 2005/2213](#), [art. 3\(h\)](#) (with savings and transitional provisions in [S.I. 2005/2897](#), arts. 3-16)
- 12** S. 14 in force at 30.12.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/3112](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

Adoption and Children Act 2002, Section 14 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 08 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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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. 4A inserted by [2014 c. 6 s. 5](#)
- s. 141(7) inserted by [2010 c. 26 Sch. 3 para. 13](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 3 Pt. 2 repealed (4.9.2013) without ever being in force by [2013 c. 22](#), s. 17(4) ; S.I. 2013/2200 art. 2(a))