



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)—

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- (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).