

*These notes refer to the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
(c.33) which received Royal Assent on 11 November 1999*

IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM ACT 1999

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part VIII: Detention centres and detained persons

Section 150: Contracted-out functions at directly managed detention centres

407. This section allows the Secretary of State to enter into a contract for the fulfilment of specific functions at a detention centre which is being directly managed by the Home Office. It will allow detainee custody officers, or prisoner custody officers, to be provided by another person, while management of the centre would remain a matter for the Secretary of State. There are currently no detention centres that are directly managed, nor are there any plans to introduce any in the foreseeable future, but the Government considers that it would be imprudent to rule out the possibility at some future point.