



# Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

## 1999 CHAPTER 33

### PART VIII

#### DETENTION CENTRES AND DETAINED PERSONS

##### *Detention centres*

#### **151 Intervention by Secretary of State.**

- (1) The Secretary of State may exercise the powers conferred by this section if it appears to him that—
  - (a) the manager of a contracted out [<sup>F1</sup>removal centre] has lost, or is likely to lose, effective control of the centre or of any part of it; or
  - (b) it is necessary to do so 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 person (to be known as the Controller) to act as manager of the [<sup>F1</sup>removal centre] 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 (5).
- (3) During that period—
  - (a) all the functions which would otherwise be exercisable by the manager or the contract monitor are to be exercisable by the Controller;
  - (b) the contractor and any sub-contractor of his must do all that he reasonably can to facilitate the exercise by the Controller of his functions; and
  - (c) the staff of the [<sup>F1</sup>removal centre] must comply with any directions given by the Controller in the exercise of his functions.
- (4) The Controller is to have the status of a Crown servant.

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- (5) If the Secretary of State is satisfied that a Controller is no longer needed for a particular [<sup>F1</sup>removal centre], he must (by giving notice to the Controller) terminate his appointment at a time specified in the notice.
- (6) As soon as practicable after making an appointment under this section, the Secretary of State must give notice of the appointment to those entitled to notice.
- (7) As soon as practicable after terminating an appointment under this section, the Secretary of State must give a copy of the notice of termination to those entitled to notice.
- (8) Those entitled to notice are the contractor, the manager, the contract monitor and the Controller.

**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in s. 151 substituted (10.2.2003) by [Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 \(c. 41\)](#), [ss.66\(2\)\(3\)\(d\)](#), [162\(1\)](#) (with [s. 159](#)); [S.I. 2003/1](#), art. 2, Sch.

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** [S. 151](#) extended (2.7.2018) by [The Short-term Holding Facility Rules 2018 \(S.I. 2018/409\)](#), [rules 1](#), [57\(a\)](#) (with [rule 3](#))

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

- Act excluded by [2024 c. 8 s. 2\(5\)\(a\)5](#)

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

- s. 10(12) inserted by [2023 c. 37 s. 10\(6\)](#)
- s. 40(1)-(1C) substituted for s. 40(1) by [2022 c. 36 s. 76\(2\)](#)
- s. 40(4A)(4B) inserted by [2022 c. 36 s. 76\(5\)](#)
- s. 72(10) repealed by [2004 c. 19 Sch. 4](#)
- s. 94(2A)-(2C) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 3\(3\)](#)
- s. 94(2D) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 7\(4\)](#)
- s. 94(3)(3A) substituted for s. 94(3) by [2002 c. 41 s. 44\(4\)](#) (This amendment is repealed (prosp.) by [2016 c. 19, Sch. 11 para. 41](#))
- s. 94(3A)-(3D) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 3\(5\)](#)
- s. 95A inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 9](#)
- s. 96(1A) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 10\(3\)](#)
- s. 97(3A)(b)(iv) inserted by [2022 c. 36 s. 13\(2\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 97(8)(9) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 11\(4\)](#)
- s. 98A inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 13](#)
- s. 98A(5) inserted by [2022 c. 36 s. 13\(4\)](#)
- s. 103(4)(a) words substituted by [2004 c. 19 s. 10\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 103(5)(b) word substituted by [S.I. 2008/2833 Sch. 3 para. 183\(ii\)](#)
- s. 103A(1) words substituted by [2004 c. 19 s. 10\(5\)](#)
- s. 103A(1) heading words substituted by [2004 c. 19 s. 10\(5\)](#)
- s. 103A(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2008/2833 Sch. 3 para. 184](#)
- s. 125(2)(ba) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 22\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 146(2)(za) inserted by [2016 c. 19 s. 44\(9\)](#)
- s. 166(5)(ca) substituted for word in s. 166(5)(c) by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 24\(2\)](#)
- s. 166(5A)(5B) inserted by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 24\(3\)](#)
- s. 166(6)(aa) substituted for word in s. 166(6)(a) by [2016 c. 19 Sch. 11 para. 24\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 21 modified by [2002 c. 41 s. 23\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 2(5) modified by [2002 c. 41 s. 23\(2\)\(b\)](#)