

*These notes refer to the Private Security Industry Act
2001 (c.12) which received Royal Assent on 11 May 2001*

PRIVATE SECURITY INDUSTRY ACT 2001

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY

Section 1: The Security Industry Authority

13. *Subsection (1)* establishes the Security Industry Authority. *Subsection (2)* defines the functions of the Authority. These are:
 - to license individuals and to approve companies;
 - to keep under general review the private security industry and the operation of the legislative framework;
 - to monitor the activities and effectiveness of those working in the industry;
 - to conduct inspections;
 - to set and approve standards of conduct, training and supervision within the industry; and
 - to make recommendations to improve standards.
14. *Subsection (3)* empowers the Authority to do those things it considers necessary or helpful in discharging its functions. *Subsection (4)* permits the Authority to make proposals to the Secretary of State to modify any provision contained in this Act, and to undertake, arrange or support research relating to the provision of security services. *Subsection (5)* ensures that the Authority is not a Crown body. *Subsection (6)* introduces Schedule 1, which gives details of the Authority's constitution and powers.