

These notes refer to the Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003 (c.20) which received Royal Assent on 10 July 2003

RAILWAYS AND TRANSPORT SAFETY ACT 2003

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Part 3 – British Transport Police

Commentary on Sections

Sections 56-61: Information etc

96. **Sections 56** (Reports by Chief Constable), **57** (Annual report by Authority), **58** (Other reports to Secretary of State) and **59** (Statistics) are based on provisions of the Police Act 1996, regarding information that the Authority and Chief Constable are to provide to the Secretary of State, and in certain instances, lay before both Houses of Parliament or publish. Only where necessary to meet the specific needs of the Authority and the BTP have the corresponding provisions in the Police Act 1996 not been followed. Sections **60** and **61** (Inquiries) are based on provisions in the Police Act 1997 and allow the Secretary of State to set up an inquiry into any matter, most likely a major incident or serious crime, that was handled by the BTP.