

*These notes refer to the Sustainable Energy Act 2003
(c.30) which received Royal Assent on 30 October 2003*

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY ACT 2003

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Sections 2 & 3: Energy efficiency of residential accommodation: Secretary of State and National Assembly for Wales

7. These sections place a duty on the Secretary of State in respect of England, and the National Assembly for Wales in respect of Wales, each to designate, and take reasonable steps to achieve, at least one published energy efficiency aim for residential accommodation.

Section 9 of the Act provides for these sections to be brought into effect (separately) on a day specified by order. This is to enable the Secretary of State and the Assembly each to develop plans following discussion with stakeholders before publishing a document containing one or more appropriate aims to be designated in accordance with these sections. The effect of *subsections (6) and (7)* in clauses 2 and 3 is that at least one aim must always be kept in place once an aim has been designated under the relevant section.