These notes refer to the Water Act 2003 (c.37) which received Royal Assent on 20th November 2003

## WATER ACT 2003

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

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## Section 70: Information.

This section amends the WRA to strengthen the Agency's powers to require information about abstractions, impounding and any related matters, in support of its water resource management functions. For abstractions or applications to abstract, or the transfer or apportionment of a licence, this includes information on the abstraction and the use of the water to be abstracted. For impounding or applications to impound, this includes the impoundment and the way in which it is operated. This will bring the existing powers to require information with respect to any abstraction in line with existing powers to seek information in connection with the control of pollution. The penalty for non-compliance is increased.

365. Provisions in this section are devolved to the Assembly.