

# **ENERGY ACT 2004**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Chapter 3: Civil Nuclear Constabulary***

#### ***Section 53 and Schedule 11: Chief Constable and other senior officers***

185. **Section 53** should be read in conjunction with Schedule 11. It requires the Police Authority, with the approval of the Secretary of State, to appoint a Chief Constable and a Deputy Chief Constable. (The Police Authority must consult the Chief Constable before appointing the Deputy.)
186. **Schedule 11** sets out the circumstances in which the Police Authority may suspend a senior officer in order to maintain public confidence, and enables the Police Authority to require such an officer to retire or resign in the interests of efficiency or effectiveness. It also gives the Secretary of State a power to require the Police Authority to exercise these powers in relation to the Chief Constable. These provisions mirror those for Home Office Forces.