

*These notes refer to the Child Poverty Act 2010 (c.9)  
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# CHILD POVERTY ACT 2010

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS AND SCHEDULES

#### **Part 1 – National Targets, Strategies and Reports (Sections 1 to 18)**

##### ***Section 14: Reports by Secretary of State***

74. *Section 14* imposes a duty on the Secretary of State to produce and lay before Parliament annual reports and includes other provision relating to those reports. *Subsection (1)* requires the Secretary of State to produce annual reports on the progress made towards meeting the targets in sections 3 to 6, and in implementing the UK strategy.
75. *Subsection (2)* makes provision about the dates by which the reports relating to a UK strategy must be laid before Parliament.
76. *Subsection (3)* requires the Secretary of State, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of the target year, to lay before Parliament a report on the progress made in implementing the most recent UK strategy.
77. *Subsection (4)* provides that a report must describe: the measures taken by the Secretary of State in accordance with the UK strategy; the measures taken by the devolved administrations in accordance with their strategies; and the effect of all those measures on progress towards the targets set in sections 3 to 6 and the aim of ensuring as far as possible that children in the UK are not affected by socio-economic disadvantage.
78. *Subsection (5)* provides that if the measures in the UK strategy have not been implemented in full the annual report must set out the reasons why.
79. *Subsection (6)* provides that before preparing an annual report the Secretary of State must consult the devolved administrations.