



Local Government Act 1948

1948 CHAPTER 26

PART II

EXCHEQUER GRANTS AND OTHER FINANCIAL PROVISIONS (SCOTLAND).

Exchequer Grants to Counties and large burghs.

22 Power to reduce Exchequer Grants.

- (1) The Secretary of State may, subject to the provisions of this section, reduce any Exchequer Equalisation Grant or Exchequer Transitional Grant payable to a council by such amount as he thinks just, if—
 - (a) he is satisfied, either upon representations made to him or without any such representations, that the council have failed to achieve or maintain a reasonable standard of efficiency and progress in the discharge of their functions, regard being had to the standards maintained in other areas; or
 - (b) he is satisfied that the expenditure of the council has been excessive and unreasonable, regard being had to the financial resources and other relevant circumstances of the area.
- (2) Before reducing any grant by virtue of this section the Secretary of State shall make and cause to be laid before Parliament a report stating the amount of the reduction, and the reasons therefor, and he shall not make the reduction until the said report is approved, by a resolution of the Commons House of Parliament.