

Civil Defence Act 1939

1939 CHAPTER 31

PART V

PUBLIC UTILITY UNDERTAKINGS.

Duty of public utility undertakers to make reports.

- (1) It shall be the duty of all public utility undertakers, not later than one month from the passing of this Act, to make a report in writing to the appropriate department stating what measures they have taken or are taking or proposing to take to secure that all persons employed by them are trained as respects the routine to be followed in the event of an air-raid and that a suitable proportion of those persons are trained and equipped to give first aid treatment, to deal with the effects of gas, and to fight fires.
- (2) Subject to the special provisions of this Part of this Act as to railway undertakings, the appropriate department may serve a notice in writing on any public utility undertakers requiring them to make, in addition to the report required by the preceding subsection, either or both of the following reports in writing, that is to say,—
 - (a) a report stating what measures they have taken or are taking or proposing to take to provide air-raid shelter for the persons employed by them; and
 - (b) a report stating what measures they have taken or are taking or proposing to take to secure the due functioning of their undertaking in the event of hostile attack.

and on receipt of such notice it shall be the duty of the undertakers forthwith to comply with its requirements :

Provided that it shall be the duty of any undertakers who employ persons within an area specified by the Minister in an order made under Part III of this Act to make a report in writing not later than three months from the making of that order stating what measures they have taken or are taking or proposing to take to provide shelter for those persons notwithstanding that no notice has been served upon them under this subsection.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

(3) If any undertakers fail to make a report which they are required to make under this section, they shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds, and, if the failure in respect of which they were so convicted continues after the conviction, they shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten pounds for each day on which the failure so continues.