



Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

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PART 1

POLICE REFORM

CHAPTER 1

THE SCOTTISH POLICE AUTHORITY

4 General powers of the Authority

- (1) The Authority may do anything that it considers appropriate for the purposes of, or in connection with, the carrying out of its functions.
- (2) The Authority may in particular—
 - (a) enter into contracts,
 - (b) borrow money,
 - (c) acquire and dispose of land and other property,
 - (d) with the authorisation of the Scottish Ministers, purchase compulsorily land, and
 - (e) form or promote (whether alone or with another) companies under the Companies Act 2006 (c.46).
- (3) The Authority may not exercise the power in subsection (2)(b) or (e) without the consent of the Scottish Ministers.
- (4) Such consent may be given—
 - (a) with respect to a particular case or a particular class of case,
 - (b) subject to such conditions as the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.
- (5) The power in subsection (2)(c) includes power to accept, on such terms and conditions as the Authority considers appropriate—
 - (a) gifts of money, and

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- (b) gifts or loans of other property.
- (6) The powers in subsection (2)(c) and (d) to acquire and purchase land include power to acquire a servitude or other right in or over land by the creation of a new right.
- (7) The Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) (Scotland) Act 1947 (c.42) applies in relation to the compulsory purchase of land under subsection (2)(d) as if—
 - (a) that provision were contained in an Act in force immediately before the commencement of that Act, and
 - (b) the Authority were a local authority.

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Ch. 12A inserted by [2017 asp 4 s. 1\(1\)](#)
- s. 17(2)(h) inserted by [2017 asp 4 s. 2\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 17(4)(b)(iv) inserted by [2017 asp 4 s. 2\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 20A inserted by [2017 asp 4 s. 3](#)