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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 13

Section 127.

#### WELSH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY: LAND PROVISIONS

##### Commencement Information

**II** Sch. 13 in force at 1.10.1998 by S.I. 1998/2244, art. 4

1 The <sup>M1</sup>Welsh Development Agency Act 1975 has effect subject to the following amendments.

##### Marginal Citations

**M1** 1975 c. 70.

2 After section 21 insert—

#### “21A Powers of land acquisition.

- (1) The powers to acquire land mentioned in sections 1(7)(h) and 16(3)(b) above are powers—
  - (a) to acquire land by agreement; and
  - (b) to acquire land compulsorily if authorised to do so by the Secretary of State.
- (2) Where the Agency acquire or have acquired land under subsection (1) above, they have power to acquire by agreement or, if authorised to do so by the Secretary of State, to acquire compulsorily—
  - (a) any land which adjoins the land and is required for the purpose of executing works for facilitating its development or use; and
  - (b) where the land forms part of a common, an open space or a fuel or field garden allotment, any land required for the purpose of being given in exchange for it.
- (3) The Agency may under subsection (1) above acquire rights over land by the creation of new rights (as well as by acquiring rights already in existence).
- (4) Before the Agency acquire land under subsection (1) above for the purpose of their function under section 1(3)(da) above, they shall—
  - (a) consider whether the land would or would not in their opinion be made available for development if they did not act;
  - (b) consider the fact that planning permission has or has not been granted in respect of the land or is likely or unlikely to be granted;
  - (c) (in a case where no planning permission has been granted in respect of the land) consult every relevant local authority; and

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- (d) consider the needs of those engaged in building, agriculture and forestry and of the community in general.
- (5) For the purposes of subsection (4)(c) above, each of the following is a relevant local authority—
  - (a) the council of any county, county borough or district in whose area the land, or any part of the land, is situated;
  - (b) any joint planning board in whose district the land, or any part of the land, is situated; and
  - (c) any National Park authority which is the local planning authority for a National Park in which the land, or any part of the land, is situated.
- (6) Where the Agency have acquired land under subsection (1) above for the purpose of any of their functions, they may appropriate it to the purpose of any of their other functions.
- (7) Where the Agency have—
  - (a) acquired land under subsection (1) above for the purpose of their function under section 1(3)(da) above; or
  - (b) under subsection (6) above have appropriated land to that purpose, they shall, until they either dispose of the land or appropriate it under subsection (6) above to the purpose of any of their other functions, manage it and turn it to account.
- (8) Schedule 4 to this Act shall have effect.

### **21B Disposal of land.**

In exercising any power under this Act to dispose of land, the Agency shall not dispose of land for a consideration less than the best that can reasonably be obtained except—

- (a) as provided by section 16(7) above; or
- (b) with the consent of the Secretary of State.

### **21C Powers to advise on land matters.**

- (1) The Agency may, if requested to do so by a public authority—
  - (a) advise the authority about disposing of any of the authority’s land in Wales to other persons; and
  - (b) assist the authority in disposing of the land.
- (2) In subsection (1) above “public authority” means—
  - (a) a government department;
  - (b) the National Assembly for Wales;
  - (c) a county council, county borough council or community council;
  - (d) a National Park authority;
  - (e) a development corporation for a new town;
  - (f) a Health Authority, Special Health Authority or National Health Service trust;

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- (g) a body corporate established by or under an enactment for the purpose of carrying on under national ownership any industry or part of an industry;
- (h) any statutory undertakers; or
- (i) any other public authority, body or undertakers specified in an order made by the Secretary of State.

(3) The Agency may assist—

- (a) the council of a county or county borough in Wales in making an assessment of land in its area which is, in its opinion, available and suitable for development;
- (b) a joint planning board in Wales in making an assessment of land in its district which is, in its opinion, available and suitable for development; or
- (c) a National Park authority for a National Park in Wales in making an assessment of land in the National Park which is, in its opinion, available and suitable for development.”

3 After Schedule 3 insert—

“SCHEDULE 4

Section 21A.

ACQUISITION OF LAND

**PART I**

COMPULSORY ACQUISITION

- 1 (1) The <sup>M2</sup>Acquisition of Land Act 1981 applies in relation to the compulsory acquisition of land under section 21A above.
- (2) The <sup>M3</sup>Acquisition of Land Act 1981 has effect in its application by virtue of sub-paragraph (1) above with the modifications made by the following provisions of this Part.
- 2 (1) This paragraph applies where a compulsory purchase order of the Agency authorising the acquisition of any land is submitted to the Secretary of State in accordance with section 2(2) of the <sup>M4</sup>Acquisition of Land Act 1981.
- (2) If the Secretary of State—
  - (a) is satisfied that the order ought to be confirmed so far as it relates to part of the land comprised in it; but
  - (b) has not for the time being determined whether it ought to be confirmed so far as it relates to any other such land,he may confirm the order so far as it relates to the land mentioned in paragraph (a) above and give directions postponing the consideration of the order so far as it relates to any other land specified in the directions until such time as may be so specified.
- (3) Where the Secretary of State gives directions under sub-paragraph (2) above, the notices required by section 15 of the <sup>M5</sup>Acquisition of Land Act 1981

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to be published and served shall include a statement of the effect of the directions.

- 3 (1) Where a compulsory purchase order is made by the Agency—
- (a) a notice under section 12 of the <sup>M6</sup>Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (notice specifying the time for making objections) shall be served on every relevant local authority;
  - (b) each relevant local authority shall have a right to object in accordance with the notice; and
  - (c) the references in section 13 of that Act to objections made by an owner, lessee or occupier shall include references to an objection made by any relevant local authority.
- (2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) above, each of the following is a relevant local authority—
- (a) the council of any county, county borough or district in whose area the land, or any part of the land, is situated;
  - (b) any joint planning board in whose district the land, or any part of the land, is situated; and
  - (c) any National Park authority which is the local planning authority for a National Park in which the land, or any part of the land, is situated.

## PART II

### ACQUISITION BY AGREEMENT

- 4 The provisions of Part I of the <sup>M7</sup>Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 (so far as applicable), other than section 31, apply in relation to the acquisition of land by agreement under section 21A above; and in Part I of that Act as so applied “land” has the meaning given by Schedule 1 to the <sup>M8</sup>Interpretation Act 1978.

## PART III

### “CLEANSING” PROVISIONS

#### *Extinguishment of rights over land compulsorily acquired*

- 5 (1) On the completion by the Agency of a compulsory acquisition of land under section 21A above, all—
- (a) private rights of way; and
  - (b) rights of laying down, erecting, continuing or maintaining any apparatus on, under or over the land,
- shall be extinguished and any such apparatus shall vest in the Agency.
- (2) Sub-paragraph (1) above does not apply to any right vested in, or apparatus belonging to, statutory undertakers for the purpose of the carrying on of their undertaking.
- (3) Sub-paragraph (1) above has effect in relation to any right or apparatus not falling within sub-paragraph (2) above subject—

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- (a) to any direction given by the Agency before the completion of the acquisition that sub-paragraph (1) above shall not apply to any right or apparatus specified in the direction; and
  - (b) to any agreement which may be made (whether before or after the completion of the acquisition) between the Agency and the person in or to whom the right or apparatus is vested or belongs.
- (4) Any person who suffers loss by the extinguishment of a right or the vesting of any apparatus under this paragraph shall be entitled to compensation from the Agency.
- (5) Any compensation payable under this paragraph shall be determined in accordance with the <sup>M9</sup>Land Compensation Act 1961.

*Power to override easements and other rights*

- 6 (1) The erection, construction or carrying out, or maintenance, of any building or work on land which has been acquired by the Agency under section 21A above, whether done by the Agency or by a person deriving title under the Agency, is authorised by virtue of this paragraph if it is done in accordance with planning permission even if it involves—
- (a) interference with an interest or right to which this paragraph applies; or
  - (b) a breach of a restriction as to the user of land arising by virtue of a contract.
- (2) Nothing in this paragraph authorises interference with—
- (a) any right of way; or
  - (b) any right of laying down, erecting, continuing or maintaining apparatus on, under or over land,
- which is vested in or belongs to statutory undertakers for the purpose of the carrying on of their undertaking.
- (3) This paragraph applies to any easement, liberty, privilege, right or advantage annexed to land and adversely affecting other land, including any natural right to support.
- (4) Compensation in respect of any interference or breach in pursuance of sub-paragraph (1) above—
- (a) shall be payable under section 7 or 10 of the <sup>M10</sup>Compulsory Purchase Act 1965; and
  - (b) shall be assessed in the same manner and subject to the same rules as in the case of other compensation under those sections in respect of injurious affection where the compensation is to be estimated in connection with a purchase to which that Act applies or the injury arises from the execution of works on land acquired by such a purchase.
- (5) Where a person deriving title under the Agency—
- (a) is liable to pay compensation by virtue of sub-paragraph (4) above; but
  - (b) fails to discharge that liability,

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the liability shall be enforceable against the Agency.

- (6) Nothing in sub-paragraph (5) above affects any agreement between the Agency and any other person for indemnifying the Agency against any liability under that sub-paragraph.
- (7) Nothing in this paragraph authorises any act or omission on the part of any person which is actionable at the suit of any person on any grounds other than an interference or breach such as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) above.
- (8) In this paragraph—
  - (a) a reference to a person deriving title from another person includes a reference to any successor in title of that other person; and
  - (b) a reference to deriving title is a reference to deriving title either directly or indirectly.

*Use and development of consecrated land and burial grounds*

- 7 (1) Any consecrated land (whether or not including a building) which has been acquired by the Agency under section 21A above may be used by any person in any manner in accordance with planning permission in spite of any obligation or restriction imposed under ecclesiastical law or otherwise in respect of consecrated land.
- (2) Sub-paragraph (1) above does not apply to land which consists or forms part of a burial ground.
- (3) Any use of consecrated land authorised by sub-paragraph (1) above, and the use of any land (not being consecrated land) which was—
  - (a) acquired by the Agency under section 21A above; and
  - (b) at the time of acquisition included a church or other building used or formerly used for religious worship or the site of such a building,
 shall be subject to compliance with the requirements of regulations made by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this paragraph with respect to the removal and re-interment of any human remains and the disposal of monuments and fixtures and furnishings.
- (4) Any use of consecrated land authorised by sub-paragraph (1) above shall be subject to such provisions as may be prescribed by such regulations for prohibiting or restricting the use of the land, either absolutely or until the prescribed consent has been obtained, so long as any church or other building used or formerly used for religious worship, or any part of such a building, remains on the land.
- (5) Any regulations made for the purposes of this paragraph—
  - (a) shall contain such provisions as appear to the Secretary of State to be required for securing that any use of land which is subject to compliance with the regulations is, as nearly as may be, subject to the same control as is imposed by law in the case of a similar use authorised by an enactment not contained in this Act or by a Measure or as it would be proper to impose on a disposal of the land in question otherwise than in pursuance of an enactment or Measure;
  - (b) shall contain such requirements relating to the disposal of any such land as is mentioned in sub-paragraphs (3) and (4) above as appear

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- to the Secretary of State necessary for securing that the provisions of those sub-paragraphs are complied with in relation to the use of the land; and
- (c) may contain such incidental and consequential provisions (including provision as to the closing of registers) as appear to the Secretary of State to be appropriate for the purposes of the regulations.
- (6) Any land consisting of a burial ground, or part of a burial ground, which has been acquired as mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) above may be used by any person in any manner in accordance with planning permission in spite of—
- (a) anything in any enactment relating to burial grounds; or
- (b) any obligation or restriction imposed under ecclesiastical law or otherwise in respect of burial grounds.
- (7) Sub-paragraph (6) above shall not have effect in relation to any land which has been used for the burial of the dead until the requirements prescribed by regulations made under this paragraph with respect to the removal and re-interment of human remains, and the disposal of monuments, in or on the land have been complied with.
- (8) Provision shall be made by any regulations made for the purposes of this paragraph—
- (a) for requiring the persons in whom the land is vested to publish notice of their intention to carry out the removal and re-interment of any human remains or the disposal of any monuments;
- (b) for enabling the personal representatives or relatives of any deceased person themselves to undertake the removal and re-interment of the remains of the deceased, and the disposal of any monument commemorating the deceased, and for requiring the persons in whom the land is vested to defray the expenses of such removal, re-interment and disposal, not exceeding such amount as may be prescribed; and
- (c) for requiring compliance with such reasonable conditions (if any) as may be imposed in the case of consecrated land, by the bishop of the diocese, with respect to the manner of removal, and the place and manner of re-interment, of any human remains and the disposal of any monuments and with any directions given in any case by the Secretary of State with respect to the removal and re-interment of any human remains.
- (9) Subject to the provisions of regulations made under this paragraph, no faculty shall be required for the removal and re-interment in accordance with the regulations of any human remains or for the removal or disposal of any monuments; and the provisions of section 25 of the <sup>M11</sup>Burial Act 1857 (prohibition of removal of human remains without the licence of the Secretary of State except in certain cases) shall not apply to a removal carried out in accordance with the regulations.
- (10) Nothing in this paragraph authorises any act or omission on the part of any person which is actionable at the suit of any person on any ground other than contravention of any such obligation, restriction or enactment as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) or (6) above.
- (11) In this paragraph—

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“burial ground” includes any churchyard, cemetery or other ground, whether consecrated or not, which has at any time been set apart for the purposes of interment; and

“monument” includes a tombstone or other memorial.

*Use and development of land for open spaces*

- 8 (1) Any land which—
- (a) is, or forms part of, a common, an open space or a fuel or field garden allotment; and
  - (b) has been acquired by the Agency under section 21A above,
- may be used by any person in any manner in accordance with planning permission in spite of anything in any enactment relating to land of that kind or in any enactment by which the land is specially regulated.
- (2) Sub-paragraph (1) does not authorise any act or omission on the part of any person which is actionable at the suit of any person on any ground other than contravention of any such enactment as is mentioned in that sub-paragraph.

*Paragraphs 6 to 8: supplementary*

- 9 In construing the <sup>M12</sup>Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 in relation to section 21A above—
- (a) references to the execution of works shall be construed as including references to any erection, construction or carrying out of building or work authorised by paragraph 6 above; and
  - (b) in relation to any erection, construction or carrying out of building or work so authorised, references in section 10 of that Act to the acquiring authority shall be construed as references to the persons by whom the building or work in question is erected, constructed or carried out.
- 10 (1) Nothing in paragraph 7 or 8 above authorises any act or omission on the part of any authority or body corporate in contravention of any limitation imposed by law on their capacity by virtue of their constitution.
- (2) Any power conferred by paragraph 7 or 8 above to use land in a manner mentioned in that paragraph shall be construed as a power to use the land, whether or not it involves the erection, construction or carrying out of any building or work or the maintenance of any building or work.

*Extinguishment of rights of way, and rights  
as to apparatus, of statutory undertakers*

- 11 (1) This paragraph applies where any land has been acquired by the Agency under section 21A above and—
- (a) there subsists over that land a right vested in or belonging to statutory undertakers for the purpose of the carrying on of their undertaking, being a right of way or a right of laying down, erecting, continuing or maintaining apparatus on, under or over that land; or



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- (b) there is on, under or over the land apparatus vested in or belonging to statutory undertakers for the purpose of the carrying on of their undertaking.
- (2) The Agency, if satisfied that the extinguishment of the right or the removal of the apparatus is necessary for the purpose of carrying out any development, may serve on the statutory undertakers a notice—
  - (a) stating that, at the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the day of service of the notice or such longer period as may be specified in it, the right will be extinguished; or
  - (b) requiring that the apparatus be removed before the end of that period.
- (3) The statutory undertakers on whom a notice is served under sub-paragraph (2) above may, before the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which the notice was served, serve a counter-notice on the Agency—
  - (a) stating that they object to all or any provisions of the notice; and
  - (b) specifying the grounds of their objection.
- (4) Where no counter-notice is served under sub-paragraph (3) above—
  - (a) any right to which the notice relates shall be extinguished at the end of the period specified in the notice; and
  - (b) if, at the end of the period so specified in relation to any apparatus, any requirement of the notice as to the removal of the apparatus has not been complied with, the Agency may remove the apparatus and dispose of it in any way they think appropriate.
- (5) If a counter-notice is served under sub-paragraph (3) above, the Agency may either—
  - (a) withdraw the notice (but without prejudice to the service of a further notice); or
  - (b) apply to the Secretary of State and the appropriate Minister for an order under this sub-paragraph embodying the provisions of the notice with or without modification.
- (6) Where by virtue of this paragraph—
  - (a) any right vested in or belonging to statutory undertakers is extinguished; or
  - (b) any requirement is imposed on statutory undertakers,those undertakers shall be entitled to compensation from the Agency.
- (7) Sections 280 and 282 of the <sup>M13</sup>Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (measure of compensation for statutory undertakers) apply to compensation under sub-paragraph (6) above as they apply to compensation under section 279(2) of that Act.

#### *Orders under paragraph 11*

- 12 (1) Before making an order under sub-paragraph (5) of paragraph 11 above, the Ministers proposing to make the order—

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- (a) shall afford to the statutory undertakers on whom a notice was served under sub-paragraph (2) of that paragraph an opportunity of objecting to the application for the order; and
  - (b) if any objection is made, shall consider the objection and afford to those statutory undertakers and to the Agency an opportunity of appearing before, and being heard by, a person appointed by the Secretary of State and the appropriate Minister for the purpose.
- (2) The Ministers may then, if they think fit, make the order in accordance with the application either with or without modification.
- (3) Where an order is made under paragraph 11(5) above—
- (a) any right to which the order relates shall be extinguished at the end of the period specified in that behalf in the order; and
  - (b) if, at the end of the period so specified in relation to any apparatus, any requirement of the order as to the removal of the apparatus has not been complied with, the Agency may remove the apparatus and dispose of it in any way they think appropriate.

*Notice for same purposes as paragraph 11  
but given by statutory undertakers to Agency*

- 13 (1) This paragraph applies where any land has been acquired by the Agency under section 21A above and—
- (a) there is on, under or over the land apparatus vested in or belonging to statutory undertakers; and
  - (b) the undertakers claim that development to be carried out on the land is such as to require, on technical or other grounds connected with the carrying on of their undertaking, the removal or re-siting of the apparatus affected by the development.
- (2) The undertakers may serve on the Agency a notice claiming the right to enter on the land and carry out such works for the removal or re-siting of the apparatus or any part of it as may be specified in the notice.
- (3) Where, after the land has been acquired as mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) above, development of the land begins to be carried out, no notice under sub-paragraph (2) above may be served after the end of the period of 21 days beginning with the day on which the development commenced.
- (4) Where a notice is served under sub-paragraph (2) above, the Agency may, before the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the day on which the notice was served, serve a counter-notice on the statutory undertakers—
- (a) stating that they object to all or any of the provisions of the notice; and
  - (b) specifying the grounds of their objection.
- (5) Where no counter-notice is served under sub-paragraph (4) above, the statutory undertakers shall, after the end of that period of 28 days, have the rights claimed in their notice.
- (6) If a counter-notice is served under sub-paragraph (4) above, the statutory undertakers who served the notice under this paragraph may either—
- (a) withdraw it; or

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- (b) apply to the Secretary of State and the appropriate Minister for an order under this sub-paragraph conferring on the undertakers the rights claimed in the notice or such modified rights as the Secretary of State and the appropriate Minister think it appropriate to confer on them.
- (7) Where, by virtue of this paragraph or an order of Ministers made under it, statutory undertakers have the right to execute works for the removal or re-siting of apparatus, they may arrange with the Agency for the works to be carried out by the Agency, under the superintendence of the undertakers, instead of by the undertakers themselves.
- (8) Where works are carried out for the removal or re-siting of statutory undertakers' apparatus, being works which the undertakers have the right to carry out by virtue of this paragraph or an order of Ministers made under it, the undertakers shall be entitled to compensation from the Agency.
- (9) Sections 280 and 282 of the <sup>M14</sup>Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (measure of compensation for statutory undertakers) apply to compensation under sub-paragraph (8) above as they apply to compensation under section 279(4) of that Act.

## PART IV

### OTHER PROVISIONS

#### *Rights of entry*

- 14 (1) Any person duly authorised in writing by the Agency may, at any reasonable time, enter any land—
  - (a) for the purposes of surveying it, or estimating its value, in connection with any proposal to acquire that land, or any other land, under section 21A above; or
  - (b) in connection with any claim for compensation in respect of any such acquisition.
- (2) Any person duly authorised in writing by the Agency may at any reasonable time enter any land for the purpose of surveying it in order to enable the Agency to determine whether to make an application for planning permission for the carrying out of development of that land.
- (3) Any power conferred by this paragraph to survey land includes power to search and bore for the purpose of ascertaining—
  - (a) the nature of the subsoil; or
  - (b) the presence of minerals or contaminants in it.
- 15 (1) A person authorised under paragraph 14 above to enter any land—
  - (a) shall, if so required by the occupier or anyone acting on his behalf, produce evidence of his authority; and
  - (b) shall not, if the land is occupied, demand admission as of right to it unless 24 hours' notice of the intended entry has been given to the occupier.

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- (2) Any person who intentionally obstructs a person acting in the exercise of a power conferred by paragraph 14 above is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
- (3) Where any land is damaged in the exercise of a power of entry conferred by paragraph 14 above, compensation in respect of the damage may be recovered by any person interested in the land from the Agency or the Secretary of State.
- (4) Except in so far as may be otherwise provided by regulations made by the Secretary of State under this sub-paragraph, any question of disputed compensation under sub-paragraph (3) above shall be referred to and determined by the [<sup>F1</sup>Upper Tribunal] ; and the provisions of [<sup>F2</sup>section 4] of the <sup>M15</sup>Land Compensation Act 1961 apply to the determination of any question under this sub-paragraph, subject to any necessary modifications and to the provisions of any regulations under this sub-paragraph.
- (5) Where under paragraph 14 above a person proposes to carry out any works authorised by sub-paragraph (3) of that paragraph—
  - (a) he shall not carry out those works unless notice of his intention to do so was included in the notice required by sub-paragraph (1)(b) above; and
  - (b) if the land in question is held by statutory undertakers and those undertakers object to the proposed works on the grounds that the carrying out of the works would be seriously detrimental to the carrying on of their undertaking, the works shall not be carried out without the authority of the appropriate Minister.
- (6) A person who enters land in the exercise of a power of entry conferred by paragraph 14 above—
  - (a) shall take reasonable care to avoid damage or injury to plant, machinery, equipment, livestock, crops or enclosures; and
  - (b) on leaving the land, shall secure it as effectively against unauthorised entry as he found it.
- (7) If any person who is admitted into a factory, workshop or workplace in the exercise of a power of entry conferred by paragraph 14 above discloses to any person any information obtained by him there as to any manufacturing process or trade secret, he shall, unless the disclosure is made in the course of performing his duty in connection with the purpose for which he was authorised to enter the premises, be guilty of an offence.
- (8) A person guilty of an offence under sub-paragraph (7) above is liable—
  - (a) on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum; or
  - (b) on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or a fine, or to both.

*Displacement of legislation preventing possession*

- 16 If the Secretary of State certifies that possession of a house which—
- (a) has been acquired by the Agency under section 21A above; and

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(b) is for the time being held by the Agency for the purposes for which it was acquired,

is immediately required for those purposes, nothing in the <sup>M16</sup>Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976, the <sup>M17</sup>Rent Act 1977 or the <sup>M18</sup>Housing Act 1988 shall prevent the Agency from obtaining possession of the house.

#### *Register of land holdings*

- 17 (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide for the keeping by the Agency of a register recording their acquisitions, holdings and disposals of land.
- (2) Regulations under this paragraph may prescribe—
- (a) the kinds of land and the kinds of transactions to be registered;
  - (b) the form of the registers, and the particulars to be contained in them; and
  - (c) the circumstances in which, and conditions subject to which, the registers are to be open to public inspection.

#### *Information*

- 18 (1) Where, with a view to performing any function of the Agency relating to land, the Agency considers that they ought to have information connected with that or any other land, the Agency may serve on one or more of—
- (a) the occupier of the land;
  - (b) any person who has an interest in the land either as freeholder, mortgagee or lessee, or who directly or indirectly receives rent for the land; and
  - (c) any person who, in pursuance of an agreement between himself and a person interested in the land, is authorised to manage the land or to arrange for the letting of it,
- a notice specifying the land and the function and the provision which confers the function.
- (2) The notice shall require the recipient to furnish to the Agency, within a period specified in it (which shall not be less than 14 days beginning with the day on which the notice is served)—
- (a) the nature of his interest in the land; and
  - (b) the name and address of each person whom the recipient of the notice believes to be the occupier of the land and of each person whom he believes to be, as respects the land, a person mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(b) or (c) above.
- (3) A person who—
- (a) refuses, or fails without reasonable excuse, to comply with the requirements of a notice served on him under sub-paragraph (1) above; or
  - (b) in furnishing any information in compliance with such a notice makes a statement which he knows to be false in a material particular or recklessly makes a statement which is false in a material particular,

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shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale.

- 19 (1) The council of every county and county borough in Wales, every joint planning board for a district in Wales and every National Park authority for a National Park in Wales shall supply the Agency—
- (a) with such information as the Secretary of State may by regulations prescribe for the purposes of this paragraph (being information which the Agency may need for the purpose of performing their functions); and
  - (b) with such certificates supporting the information as the Secretary of State may in the regulations specify.
- (2) If a local planning authority in Wales receives an application for planning permission, the authority shall as soon as practicable after receipt send a copy of the application to the Agency.
- (3) On any grant of planning permission relating to land in Wales, the local planning authority, or the Secretary of State (if it was granted by him), shall, as soon as is practicable, send a copy of the notification of the planning permission to the Agency.
- (4) Sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) above shall not apply if and so far as the Agency directs.

*Regulations as to form of documents*

- 20 The Secretary of State may make regulations for prescribing the form of any document required or authorised by or under this Schedule.

*Local inquiries*

- 21 Section 250 of the <sup>M19</sup>Local Government Act 1972 (costs of inquiries and expenses of witnesses) shall extend to any public local inquiry held under the <sup>M20</sup>Acquisition of Land Act 1981, by virtue of paragraph 1 above, as if the Agency were a local authority.

*Crown land*

- 22 (1) A private interest in land may be acquired compulsorily under section 21A above even though the land is Crown land if consent is given in writing by the appropriate authority.
- (2) In this paragraph—
- (a) “private interest” means an interest which is not a Crown interest or a Duchy interest;
  - (b) “Crown land” means land in which there is a Crown interest or a Duchy interest;
  - (c) “Crown interest” means an interest belonging to Her Majesty in right of the Crown or belonging to a government department or held in trust for Her Majesty for the purposes of a government department;

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- (d) “Duchy interest” means an interest belonging to Her Majesty in right of the Duchy of Lancaster or belonging to the Duchy of Cornwall; and
- (e) “appropriate authority” in relation to Crown land shall be determined in accordance with section 293(2) of the <sup>M21</sup>Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

#### *Offences by corporations*

- 23 (1) Where an offence under this Schedule which has been committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of—
- (a) a director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate; or
  - (b) any person who was purporting to act in any such capacity,
- he, as well as the body corporate, shall be guilty of that offence and liable to be proceeded against accordingly.
- (2) Where the affairs of a body corporate are managed by its members, this paragraph shall apply in relation to acts and defaults of a member in connection with his functions of management as if he were a director of a body corporate.”

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** By [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions \(Lands Tribunal and Miscellaneous Amendments\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1307\)](#), arts. 1, 5(1)(2), **Sch. 1 para. 263(a)** it is provided that in Sch. 13. para. 15(4) for “Lands Tribunal” there is substituted “Upper Tribunal” (1.6.2009)
- F2** By [The Transfer of Tribunal Functions \(Lands Tribunal and Miscellaneous Amendments\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1307\)](#), arts. 1, 5(1)(2), **Sch. 1 para. 263(b)** it is provided that in Sch. 13. para. 15(4) for “sections 2 and 4” there is substituted “section 41” (1.6.2009)

#### **Marginal Citations**

- M2** 1981 c. 67.  
**M3** 1981 c. 67.  
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**M5** 1981 c. 67.  
**M6** 1981 c. 67.  
**M7** 1965 c. 56.  
**M8** 1978 c. 30.  
**M9** 1961 c. 33.  
**M10** 1965 c. 56.  
**M11** 1857 c. 81.  
**M12** 1965 c. 56.  
**M13** 1990 c. 8.  
**M14** 1990 c. 8.  
**M15** 1961 c. 33.  
**M16** 1976 c. 80.  
**M17** 1977 c. 42.  
**M18** 1988 c. 50.  
**M19** 1972 c. 70.  
**M20** 1981 c. 67.

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

- s. 104(1A) inserted by [2022 asc 1 s. 68\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 5A5B by [2000 c. 41 Sch. 3 para. 10\(5\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 3 paras. 8-16 repealed without ever being in force by Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32), s. 163, {Sch. 12} (with Sch. 11 para. 22), the amending provision coming into force immediately after "the 2007 election" (held on 3.5.2007) subject to s. 161(4)(5) of the amending Act, which provides for certain provisions to come into force for specified purposes immediately after the end of "the initial period" (which ended with the day of the first appointment of a First Minister on 25.5.2007) -- see ss. 46, 161(1)(4)(5) of the amending Act.)
- Sch. 17 para. 11A inserted by [2022 asc 1 Sch. 4 para. 12\(4\)\(b\)](#)