

*These notes refer to the Postal Services Act 2000
(c.26) which received Royal Assent on 28 July 2000*

POSTAL SERVICES ACT 2000

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part VII Miscellaneous and Supplementary

Section 101: Directions in interests of national security etc.

148. *Section 101* provides a power to the Secretary of State to direct the Commission or a licence holder as he considers appropriate if he considers it expedient to do so either in the interest of national security or in order to discharge an international obligation; to meet the object of an international organisation of which the Government is a member or agreement to which they are party; or to enable the Government to become a member of such an organisation or party to such an agreement. The Directions should generally be laid before Parliament but there are exceptions to this on specified grounds. It is an offence to contravene a direction or, in certain circumstances, to disclose it.