



# Water Act 2003

## 2003 CHAPTER 37

### PART 3

#### MISCELLANEOUS

##### *Water conservation*

#### **81 Duty to encourage water conservation**

- (1) The relevant authority must, where appropriate, take steps to encourage the conservation of water.
- (2) The relevant authority is—
  - (a) the Secretary of State, in relation to England,
  - (b) the Assembly, in relation to Wales.
- (3) After the period of three years beginning with the date on which this section comes into force, and after each succeeding period of three years, the Secretary of State must prepare a report about the steps taken by him under this section, and about any such steps which he proposes to take.
- (4) The Assembly may make an order requiring the preparation by it of corresponding reports, and such an order may make provision about when, or in relation to what periods, they are to be prepared.
- (5) Each such report must—
  - (a) if prepared by the Secretary of State, be laid before Parliament,
  - (b) if prepared by the Assembly, be laid before, and published by, the Assembly.

#### **Commencement Information**

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| <b>I1</b> | <a href="#">S. 81</a> in force at 1.4.2004 for E. by <a href="#">S.I. 2004/641</a> , <a href="#">art. 3(u)</a> (with <a href="#">Sch. 3 para. 7</a> ) |
| <b>I2</b> | <a href="#">S. 81</a> in force at 11.11.2004 for W. by <a href="#">S.I. 2004/2916</a> , <a href="#">art. 2(d)</a>                                     |

**Changes to legislation:**

Water Act 2003, Section 81 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 30 August 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

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

- s. 52(9) inserted by [2014 c. 21 Sch. 7 para. 133\(3\)](#)