

LONDON OLYMPIC GAMES AND PARALYMPIC GAMES ACT 2006

EXPLANATORY NOTES

TRANSPORT

Section 15: Traffic regulation orders: enforcement

44. This section provides for the enforcement of traffic regulation orders made for Olympic purposes. *Subsection (1)* allows for infringements of traffic regulation orders made by the ODA over the ORN for the purposes of the Olympics to be punishable with an increased fine (i.e. a maximum of £5,000; the standard fine is a maximum of £1,000). However, it is expected that the Traffic Management Act 2004 will have been implemented before 2012 and *subsection (2)* allows for the application of the civil enforcement regime to all Olympic traffic regulation orders. It will be the ODA that will set the level of charge for a contravention of traffic regulation orders made for the purposes of the Olympics (*subsection (3)*); local authorities, and Transport for London, will remain the 'enforcement authority' for all other purposes.
45. To ensure that the Olympic traffic regulation orders are enforced appropriately, *subsection (4)* gives the Secretary of State a power of direction over enforcement authorities for Olympic purposes, though directions may not be given to Transport for London without the consent of the Mayor of London (*subsection (5)*). If an enforcement authority does not comply with a direction by the Secretary of State, the ODA may 'step in' to exercise the relevant enforcement powers with the consent of the Secretary of State and the enforcement authority will bear the costs of the ODA doing so.