

These notes refer to the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (c.22) which received Royal Assent on 12 November 2009

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 8: the Qualifications and Curriculum Development Agency

Chapter 4: Other functions and supplementary provision

Other functions

Section 184: Provision of services or other assistance

529. This section enables the QCDA to provide services or other assistance in relation to the matters listed in *subsection (1)*. The consent of the Secretary of State is not required for the provision of services or other assistance, unless it is outside the scope of the list in subsection (1), or involves providing financial assistance or charging for services. The section prohibits the QCDA from lending money. The QCDA may use the powers under this section to provide services such as support and advice to schools on implementing the curriculum, or to awarding bodies in relation to the development of qualifications. In particular, this section will enable the QCDA to operate systems and support services such as the Diploma Aggregation Service (a web-based IT system that supports the administration and award of Diplomas). The QCDA's powers to assist Ofqual in relation to its qualifications functions derive from section 180 – under this section it cannot assist Ofqual in relation to such matters.