

*These notes refer to the Policing and Crime Act 2009  
(c.26) which received Royal Assent on 12 November 2009*

# **POLICING AND CRIME ACT 2009**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **TERRITORIAL EXTENT AND APPLICATION**

#### **Part 1 – Police Reform**

#### **Appointments of senior officers**

##### ***Section 4 Metropolitan police force appointments***

40. Previously, appointments to the ranks of Assistant Commissioner, Deputy Assistant Commissioner and Commander in the Metropolitan police were made by the police authority and the Commissioner had no role in these appointments. Section 4 amends the relevant provisions of the Police Act 1996 to give the Commissioner a formal role in these appointments which mirrors that of the Chief Constable in the appointment of Deputy Chief Constable and Assistant Chief Constable in forces outside London. Before making such an appointment, the police authority will be required to consult the Commissioner.