

*These notes refer to the Infrastructure Act 2015 (c.7)
which received Royal Assent on 12 February 2015*

INFRASTRUCTURE ACT 2015

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 6 – Energy

Petroleum and geothermal energy in deep-level land

Section 45: Payment scheme

267. *Subsection (1)* confers a power on the Secretary of State to make regulations requiring companies to make payments in return for the right of use.
268. *Subsection (2)* sets out to whom the Secretary of State can require payments to be made, and *subsection (3)* allows the Secretary of State to specify the amount of the payments or provide a mechanism for determining the payment amounts. *Subsection (4)* states that the regulations may require energy companies to provide specific information on the right of use and payments to the Secretary of State or to any other specified person.
269. The Secretary of State must consult with appropriate persons before making any regulations under Section 45 (*subsection (5)*).