



Higher Education and Research Act 2017

2017 CHAPTER 29

PART 3

RESEARCH

General functions

104 General duties

- (1) In exercising its functions, UKRI must have regard to the need to use its resources in the most efficient, effective and economic way.
- (2) In exercising its functions, including its duty under subsection (1), UKRI must have regard to guidance given to it by the Secretary of State.

Commencement Information

II [S. 104](#) in force at 30.3.2018 by [S.I. 2018/241](#), [reg. 3\(a\)](#)

105 Power to require information and advice from UKRI

- (1) UKRI must provide the Secretary of State with—
 - (a) such information regarding any of its functions, or obtained in the exercise of any of its functions, as the Secretary of State may require it to provide, and
 - (b) such advice regarding any of its functions as the Secretary of State may require it to provide.
- (2) UKRI must provide information or advice under subsection (1) in such form as the Secretary of State may require it to be provided.

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Commencement Information

I2 S. 105 in force at 30.3.2018 by S.I. 2018/241, reg. 3(a)

106 Studies for improving economy, efficiency and effectiveness

- (1) UKRI may arrange for studies falling within subsection (2) to be promoted or carried out by a person.
- (2) Studies fall within this subsection if they are designed to improve economy, efficiency and effectiveness in carrying out activities in respect of which UKRI gives financial support.
- (3) A person promoting or carrying out such studies at the request of UKRI (“a researcher”) may require the person carrying out the activities—
 - (a) to provide the researcher or an authorised person with such information as the researcher may reasonably require for that purpose, and
 - (b) to make available for inspection, to the researcher or an authorised person, their accounts and such other documents as the researcher may reasonably require for that purpose.
- (4) “Authorised person” means a person authorised by the researcher.

Commencement Information

I3 S. 106 in force at 30.3.2018 by S.I. 2018/241, reg. 3(a)

107 Provision of research services

- (1) UKRI may, in connection with any of its functions, provide research services to a person (whether or not in the United Kingdom).
- (2) The following are “research services”—
 - (a) undertaking research into science, technology, humanities or new ideas;
 - (b) making facilities available for the undertaking of such research by another person;
 - (c) the carrying out of any other activity for the purposes of, or in connection with, the undertaking of such research.
- (3) Research services provided by virtue of this section may be provided subject to such terms and conditions as UKRI considers appropriate.
- (4) UKRI may charge for research services provided by virtue of this section.

Commencement Information

I4 S. 107 in force at 30.3.2018 by S.I. 2018/241, reg. 3(a)

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108 Representing the United Kingdom

UKRI must, if so requested by the Secretary of State, represent the government of the United Kingdom in matters relating to international relations in any field of activity connected to its functions.

Commencement Information

I5 [S. 108](#) in force at 30.3.2018 by [S.I. 2018/241](#), [reg. 3\(a\)](#)

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- s. 9(3A) inserted by [2022 c. 21 s. 16\(2\)](#)
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