



Energy Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 52

PART 14

CIVIL NUCLEAR SECTOR

CHAPTER 2

CIVIL NUCLEAR CONSTABULARY

308 Provision of assistance to other forces

- (1) The Energy Act 2004 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 55A (inserted by [section 307](#) of this Act) insert—

“55B Provision of assistance to other forces

- (1) The chief constable may, on the application of the chief officer of a relevant force, provide members of the Constabulary or other assistance for the purpose of enabling that force to meet any special demand on its resources.
- (2) The policing body maintaining a relevant force for which assistance is provided under this section must pay to the Police Authority such charges—
 - (a) as may be agreed between the policing body and the Police Authority, or
 - (b) in the absence of any such agreement, as may be determined by the Secretary of State.
- (3) The chief constable must ensure that the provision of assistance under this section does not prejudice the carrying out of the primary function of the Constabulary under section 52(2).
- (4) In this section—

“chief officer” means—

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (a) a chief officer of police of a police force for a police area in England and Wales;
- (b) the chief constable of the Police Service of Scotland;
- (c) the chief constable of the British Transport Police Force; or
- (d) the chief constable of the Ministry of Defence Police;

“policing body” means—

- (a) in relation to a police force for a police area in England and Wales, the relevant local policing body in the meaning of section 101(1) of the Police Act 1996;
- (b) in relation to the Police Service of Scotland, the Scottish Police Authority;
- (c) in relation to the British Transport Police Force, the British Transport Police Authority;
- (d) in relation to the Ministry of Defence Police, the Secretary of State;

“relevant force” means—

- (a) a police force for a police area in England and Wales;
- (b) the Police Service of Scotland;
- (c) the British Transport Police Force; or
- (d) the Ministry of Defence Police.”

- (3) In section 59 (members of constabulary serving with other forces), after subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) For the purposes of this section, a member of the Constabulary who is provided for the assistance of a relevant force under [section 55B](#) is to be treated as serving with that force under arrangements of the kind mentioned in subsection (1).”