



Police (Scotland) Act 1967

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PART I

ORGANISATION OF POLICE FORCES

General provisions

11 Aid of one police force by another

- (1) If it appears to the chief constable of a police force that the resources of the force are insufficient to meet any particular circumstances he may apply for assistance to the chief constable of any other police force, who may thereupon arrange for such assistance to be given from the resources of that other force as in his opinion the circumstances of that other force permit.
- (2) If it appears to the Secretary of State to be expedient in the interests of public safety or order that any police force should be reinforced or should receive other assistance for the purpose of enabling it to meet any special demand on its resources, and that satisfactory arrangements under subsection (1) of this section cannot be made, or cannot be made in time, he may direct the chief constable of any police force to provide such constables or other assistance for that purpose as may be specified in the directions.
- (3) A copy of any directions given to the chief constable of any police force under subsection (2) of this section shall be sent to the police authority for the area for which that force is maintained and shall be binding on them so far as it affects then-functions in relation to that force.
- (4) The cost of any assistance given under any of the foregoing provisions of this section from the resources of a police force shall be divided between the police authorities concerned in such manner as may be agreed between them, or, in default of such agreement, as may be provided by any agreement subsisting at the time between all police authorities generally, or, in default of any agreement, as may be directed by the Secretary of State.

12 Collaboration agreements

- (1) If it appears to the chief constables of two or more police forces that any police functions can more efficiently be discharged by constables of those forces acting jointly, they may, with the approval of the police authorities for the areas for which those forces are maintained, make an agreement for that purpose.
- (2) If it appears to the police authorities for any two or more police areas that any premises, equipment or other material or facilities can with advantage be provided jointly for the police forces maintained for those areas, they may make an agreement for that purpose.
- (3) Any expenditure incurred under an agreement made under this section shall be borne by the police authorities in such proportions as they may agree or as may, in default of agreement, be determined by the Secretary of State.
- (4) An agreement under subsection (1) or subsection (2) of this section may be varied or determined by a subsequent agreement.
- (5) If it appears to the Secretary of State that an agreement should be made under subsection (1) or subsection (2) or subsection (4) of this section, he may, after considering any representations made by the parties concerned, direct those parties to enter into such agreement for that purpose as may be specified in the directions.

13 Watching of premises or land under agreement with occupier

- (1) The police authority for any police area may enter into an agreement with the occupier of any premises or land in the area, on such terms as may be specified in the agreement, for the guarding, patrolling and watching of the premises or land by constables of the police force maintained for the area.
- (2) The power conferred upon a police authority by subsection (1) of this section may be delegated by them, subject to such limitations and conditions as may be specified in the delegation, to the chief constable of the police force.

14 Extra policing of locality where works are being constructed

- (1) Where—
 - (a) by reason of the construction of works on or over land in any part of a police area the number of people resident in that part of the area is temporarily increased to an abnormal extent, and
 - (b) the police authority for the area consider it expedient because of the circumstances aforesaid that the number of constables available for duty in that part of the area should be increased during the continuance of the said circumstances,

the police authority may direct the chief constable of the police force maintained for the area to make such arrangements as he considers necessary (whether by the appointment of temporary constables or otherwise) for increasing the number of constables so available accordingly.

- (2) Where such arrangements as are mentioned in subsection (1) of this section have been made, the police authority may recover from the occupier of the land (or, if the occupier proves that some other person is responsible for the construction of the works, from that other person) such sums representing the cost necessarily incurred in each year

in pursuance of the arrangements as may be agreed, or as may be fixed by a single arbiter appointed (in default of agreement as to the appointment) by the sheriff.

- (3) The provisions of this section shall be without prejudice; to the provisions of section 17(3) of this Act.
- (4) In this section " sheriff" does not include a sheriff-substitute.

15 Annual and other reports by chief constable

- (1) The chief constable of a police force shall before 31st May in each year submit to the police authority a general report in writing on the policing, during the year ended on 31st December last preceding, of the area for which the force is maintained, and shall send a copy of the report to each of the other authorities specified in subsection (3) of this section.
- (2) Subject to the following provisions of this section, the chief constable of a police force shall, whenever required by any of the authorities specified in subsection (3) of this section, submit to that authority a report on such matters as may be so required, being matters connected with the policing of the area for which the force is maintained.
- (3) The authorities referred to in subsections (1) and (2) of this section are—
 - the Secretary of State,
 - the sheriff having jurisdiction in any part of the area,
 - the magistrates of any burgh comprising any part of the area,
 - the police authority.
- (4) If it appears to the chief constable that a report in compliance with a requirement made by the police authority in pursuance of subsection (2) of this section would contain information which in the public interest ought not to be disclosed, or is not needed for the discharge of the functions of the police authority, he may, after consultation with the police authority, refer the requirement to the Secretary of State; and in any such case the requirement shall be of no effect unless it is confirmed by the Secretary of State.
- (5) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall require a chief constable to submit to the magistrates of any burgh or to any sheriff a report on matters which are not connected with the policing, respectively, of the burgh or of places in which the sheriff has jurisdiction.
- (6) In this section " sheriff" does not include a sheriff-substitute.

16 Declaration to be made by constables on appointment

A person appointed to the office of constable of a police force shall on appointment make, before a sheriff, justice of the peace or magistrate of a burgh, a declaration in such terms as may be prescribed concerning the proper discharge of the duties of the office.