

# Infrastructure Act 2015

## **2015 CHAPTER 7**

#### PART 1

### STRATEGIC HIGHWAYS COMPANIES

### **Functions**

## **3** Road Investment Strategy

- (1) The Secretary of State may at any time—
  - (a) set a Road Investment Strategy for a strategic highways company, or
  - (b) vary a Strategy which has already been set.
- (2) A Road Investment Strategy is to relate to such period as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (3) A Road Investment Strategy must specify—
  - (a) the objectives to be achieved by the company during the period to which it relates, and
  - (b) the financial resources to be provided by the Secretary of State for the purpose of achieving those objectives.
- (4) The objectives to be achieved may include—
  - (a) activities to be performed;
  - (b) results to be achieved;
  - (c) standards to be met.
- (5) In setting or varying a Road Investment Strategy, the Secretary of State must have regard, in particular, to the effect of the Strategy on—
  - (a) the environment, and
  - (b) the safety of users of highways.
- (6) The Secretary of State and the company must comply with the Road Investment Strategy.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (7) If a strategic highways company does not have a Road Investment Strategy currently in place, the Secretary of State must—
  - (a) lay before Parliament a report explaining why a Strategy has not been set, and
  - (b) set a Road Investment Strategy as soon as may be reasonably practicable.
- (8) Schedule 2 (which contains provision about the procedure for setting or varying a Road Investment Strategy) has effect.

## 4 Route strategies

- (1) The Secretary of State must from time to time direct a strategic highways company to prepare proposals for the management and development of particular highways in respect of which the company is appointed ("a route strategy").
- (2) A route strategy must relate to such period as the Secretary of State may direct.
- (3) The strategic highways company must—
  - (a) comply with a direction given to it under subsection (1), and
  - (b) publish the route strategy in such manner as the company considers appropriate.
- (4) A direction under subsection (1) must be published by the Secretary of State in such manner as he or she considers appropriate.