



Police Act 1997

1997 CHAPTER 50

PART IV

POLICE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION

109 Police Information Technology Organisation.

- (1) There shall be a body corporate to be known as the Police Information Technology Organisation (“the Organisation”).
- (2) Schedule 8 (which makes provision about the Organisation) shall have effect.
- (3) The Organisation may carry out activities (including the commissioning of research) relating to information technology equipment and systems for the use of—
 - (a) police authorities and police forces, and
 - (b) such other bodies as the Secretary of State may determine by order made by statutory instrument.

[^{F1}(3A) The Secretary of State shall obtain the consent of the Scottish Ministers before making any order by virtue subsection (3)(b) which determines any body whose functions are carried out wholly or mainly in Scotland for the purposes mentioned in that subsection.]

- (4) The Organisation may also procure or assist in procuring other equipment, systems and services for any body falling within subsection (3)(a) or (b).
- (5) Any statutory instrument made by virtue of subsection (3)(b) shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (6) In this Part “information technology” includes any computer or other technology by means of which information or other matter may be recorded or communicated without being reduced to documentary form.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 109(3A) inserted (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/1747, arts. 1, 3, **Sch. 20 Pt. II para. 2(2)**; S.I. 1998/3178, **art. 3**

Commencement Information

- II** S. 109 wholly in force at 1.4.1998; s. 109 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 135; s. 109(1) in force at 1.9.1997 by S.I. 1997/1930, **art. 2** (with **art. 2(3)**); s. 109(2) in force for certain purposes at 1.9.1997 by S.I. 1997/1930, **art. 2** (with **art. 2(3)**); s. 109(3) in force at 1.9.1997 for certain purposes by S.I. 1997/1377, **art. 2**; s. 109 otherwise in force at 1.4.1998 by S.I. 1998/354, **art. 2**

110 Relationship between the Organisation and the Secretary of State.

- (1) In exercising its functions the Organisation shall comply with any general or specific directions given in writing by the Secretary of State.
- (2) Before giving directions under subsection (1), the Secretary of State shall consult the Organisation.
- [^{F2}(2A) The Secretary of State shall obtain the consent of the Scottish Ministers before giving any direction under subsection (1) which relates wholly or mainly to the exercise of the Organisation’s activities in or as regards Scotland.]
- (3) The Organisation shall provide the Secretary of State [^{F3} or the Scottish Ministers] with such information about its activities as he [^{F3} or they] may request.

Textual Amendments

- F2** S. 110(2A) inserted (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/1747, arts. 1, 3, **Sch. 20 Pt. II para. 2(3)(a)**; S.I. 1998/3178, **art. 3**
- F3** Words in s. 110(3) substituted (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/1747, arts. 1, 3, **Sch. 20 Pt. II para. 2(3)(b)**; S.I. 1998/3178, art. 3

111 Interpretation of Part IV.

- (1) In this Part, except where the context otherwise requires, “police authority” means—
 - (a) a police authority for an area in Great Britain or a joint police board (within the meaning of the ^{M1}Police (Scotland) Act 1967),
 - (b) the [^{F4}Northern Ireland Policing Board],
 - (c) the Service Authority for the National Criminal Intelligence Service, and
 - (d) the Service Authority for the National Crime Squad.
- (2) In this Part, except where the context otherwise requires, “chief officer of police” means—
 - (a) a chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales,
 - (b) a chief constable of a police force in Scotland,
 - (c) the Chief Constable of the [^{F5}Police Service of Northern Ireland],
 - (d) the Director General of the National Criminal Intelligence Service, and
 - (e) the Director General of the National Crime Squad.
- (3) In this Part “police force” means—

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- (a) a police force in Great Britain,
- (b) the [^{F5}Police Service of Northern Ireland] and the [^{F5}Police Service of Northern Ireland Reserve],
- (c) the National Criminal Intelligence Service, and
- (d) the National Crime Squad.

Textual Amendments

- F4** Words in s. 111(1)(b) substituted (4.11.2001) by 2000 c. 32, s. 78(1), **Sch. 6 para. 20(3)**; S.R. 2001/396, art. 2, **Sch.**
- F5** Words in s. 111(2)(c)(3)(b) substituted (4.11.2001) by 2000 c. 32, s. 78(1), **Sch. 6 para. 20(2)(a)(b)**; S.R. 2001/396, art. 2, **Sch.**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 111 excluded (1.9.1997) by S.I. 1997/1930, **art. 2**

Commencement Information

- I2** S. 111 wholly in force at 1.4.1998; s. 111 not in force at Royal Assent; s. 111, (1)(a)(b),(2)(a)(b)(c) and (3)(a)(b) in force at 1.9.1997 by S.I. 1997/1930, **art. 2**; s. 111 otherwise in force at 1.4.1998 by S.I. 1998/354, **art. 2**

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