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# **1996 CHAPTER 16**

## PART II

### CENTRAL SUPERVISION, DIRECTION AND FACILITIES

#### Functions of Secretary of State

#### 40 Power to give directions to police authorities after adverse reports.

- (1) The Secretary of State may at any time require the inspectors of constabulary to carry out, for the purposes of this section, an inspection under section 54 of any police force maintained under section 2.
- (2) Where a report made to the Secretary of State under section 54 on an inspection carried out for the purposes of this section states—
  - (a) that, in the opinion of the person making the report, the force inspected is not efficient or not effective, or
  - (b) that in his opinion, unless remedial measures are taken, the force will cease to be efficient or will cease to be effective,

the Secretary of State may direct the police authority responsible for maintaining the force to take such measures as may be specified in the direction.

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