

*These notes refer to the Sustainable Energy Act 2003  
(c.30) which received Royal Assent on 30 October 2003*

# **SUSTAINABLE ENERGY ACT 2003**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Section 1: Annual reports on progress towards sustainable energy aims***

5. This section puts the Government's commitment to publish an annual report on progress towards the goals set out in the Energy White Paper on a statutory basis. A report must be published each calendar year, beginning in 2004, and each must cover the year leading up to the 24<sup>th</sup> February (the anniversary of publication of the White Paper on 24<sup>th</sup> February).
6. *Subsection (4)* provides flexibility in the form of the report, which may be published as a single document or in parts and as part of a wider document. As information and statistics on a wide range of topics may be included, not all of which may be available to match exactly the reporting period, *subsection (5)* allows for the report to be based on the information available at the time a report is written. The definition of fuel poverty in *subsection (6)* is the same as that presently contained in section 1(1) of the [Warm Homes and Energy Conservation Act 2000 \(c.31\)](#).