

# **ENERGY ACT 2004**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Chapter 1: Nuclear Decommissioning***

#### ***Section 12: Contents of strategy***

83. **Section 12** sets out various requirements regarding the matters the strategy is to address and the basis on which it must address them. The key requirements are that the strategy must:
- cover both the decommissioning and clean up of the installations and sites for which the NDA is responsible and its strategy for operating installations and facilities whilst they remain operational (subsection (1));
  - set out the NDA's objectives in relation to the decommissioning and clean up of the various installations and sites for which it is responsible, including the condition to which sites are to be restored, and how, and over what period and at what estimated cost, it intends to achieve those objectives (subsections (4) to (7));
  - set out the NDA's priorities, and how it intends to promote a skilled workforce, competition, good practice, and encourage or support activities benefiting the socio-economic or environmental development of communities near its installations and sites, as well as the rationale for its strategy (subsection (2)). It must also set out how the NDA intends to publicise its strategy, engage in stakeholder dialogue, and listen to external views (subsection (3)).
84. Subsection (9) requires the strategy to take account of sites, installations and facilities which have been designated, but which have yet to become the responsibility of the NDA by that designation entering into force.