



# Energy Act 2004

## 2004 CHAPTER 20

### PART 1

#### THE CIVIL NUCLEAR INDUSTRY

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#### NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING

##### *Financial provisions*

## **25 Government guarantees for NDA borrowing**

- (1) The Secretary of State may guarantee—
  - (a) the repayment of the principal of any sum borrowed by the NDA from a person other than the Secretary of State;
  - (b) the payment of interest on such a sum; and
  - (c) the discharge of any other financial obligation of the NDA in connection with the borrowing of such a sum.
- (2) The Secretary of State may give a guarantee under this section in such manner, and on such terms, as he thinks fit.
- (3) As soon as practicable after giving a guarantee under this section, the Secretary of State must lay a statement of the guarantee before Parliament.
- (4) If sums are paid out by the Secretary of State under a guarantee given under this section, the NDA must pay him—
  - (a) such amounts in or towards the repayment to him of those sums as he may direct; and
  - (b) interest, at such rates as he may direct, on amounts outstanding under this subsection.

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (5) Payments to the Secretary of State under subsection (4) must be made at such times, and in such manner, as he may from time to time direct.
- (6) Where a sum has been paid out by the Secretary of State under a guarantee given under this section, he must lay a statement relating to that sum before Parliament—
  - (a) as soon as practicable after the end of the financial year in which that sum is paid out; and
  - (b) as soon as practicable after the end of each subsequent relevant financial year.
- (7) In relation to a sum paid out under a guarantee, a financial year is a relevant financial year for the purposes of subsection (6) unless—
  - (a) before the beginning of that year, the whole of that sum has been repaid to the Secretary of State under subsection (4); and
  - (b) the NDA is not at any time during that year subject to a liability to pay interest on amounts that became due under that subsection in respect of that sum.
- (8) The approval of the Treasury is required—
  - (a) for the giving of a guarantee under this section; and
  - (b) for the giving by the Secretary of State of a direction under subsection (4) or (5).
- (9) The Secretary of State must pay sums received by him by virtue of subsection (4) into the Consolidated Fund.