

*These notes refer to the Identity Cards Act 2006  
(c.15) which received Royal Assent on 30 March 2006*

# **IDENTITY CARDS ACT 2006**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### *Supervision of operation of Act*

#### *Section 23: Reports by Commissioner*

146. Under *subsection (1)* the Commissioner is under a duty to report after the end of each calendar year to the Secretary of State. There is also provision at *subsection (2)* for the Commissioner to report at any other time regarding any matter related to the carrying out of his functions.
147. Under *subsection (3)* the Secretary of State is under a duty to lay before Parliament every report received from the Commissioner. Where the publication of a particular matter in a report would be prejudicial to national security or the prevention and detection of crime, the Secretary of State may, after consultation with the Commissioner, exclude it from the report laid before Parliament (*subsection (4)*). In those circumstances, in accordance with *subsection (5)*, the Secretary of State would need to lay a statement before Parliament that a matter had been excluded.