

# **EDUCATION AND INSPECTIONS ACT 2006**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY**

#### **Part 8 – Inspections**

#### ***Chapter 4 – Inspection and review of Local Authorities in England***

#### ***Section 136: Inspection of local authorities in England***

582. This section sets out the general inspection duties of the Chief Inspector in respect of the performance of local authorities' functions to which the Chapter applies. The functions to be inspected are as set out in the note on section 135 (local authority functions to which this Chapter applies).
583. The Chief Inspector may carry out an inspection of the performance of the functions, including anything done in pursuance of those functions under arrangements made by the local authority (see section 142). This will enable the Chief Inspector to inspect (for example) any of a local authority's children's social services functions that are discharged through arrangements with private or charitable providers of children's homes. In carrying out his inspection the Chief Inspector must also inspect any related activities.
584. The section also requires the Chief Inspector to carry out an inspection of a specified local authority where the Secretary of State requests him to do so (*subsection (3)*). The inspection may cover all of the local authority functions to which Chapter 4 applies, or such functions as are specified in the Secretary of State's request.