



# Climate Change Act 2008

## 2008 CHAPTER 27

### PART 4

#### IMPACT OF AND ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

##### *National reports and programmes*

#### **56 Report on impact of climate change**

- (1) It is the duty of the Secretary of State to lay reports before Parliament containing an assessment of the risks for the United Kingdom of the current and predicted impact of climate change.
- (2) The first report under this section must be laid before Parliament no later than three years after this section comes into force.
- (3) Subsequent reports must be laid before Parliament no later than five years after the previous report was so laid.
- (4) The Secretary of State may extend the period for laying any such report, but must publish a statement setting out the reasons for the delay and specifying when the report will be laid before Parliament.
- (5) Before laying a report under this section before Parliament, the Secretary of State must take into account the advice of the Committee on Climate Change under section 57.
- (6) The Secretary of State must send a copy of each report under this section to the other national authorities.