

*These notes refer to the Child Poverty Act 2010 (c.9)
which received Royal Assent on 25 March 2010*

CHILD POVERTY ACT 2010

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS AND SCHEDULES

Part 1 – National Targets, Strategies and Reports (Sections 1 to 18)

Section 10: Provision of advice by Commission and consultation with others

47. *Section 10* sets out the role of the Commission in providing advice to the Government and specifies who the Secretary of State must consult in preparing UK strategies. *Subsection (1)* places a duty on the Secretary of State to request the advice of the Commission when preparing a UK strategy. The Secretary of State must specify in the request the date by which the Commission must give its advice.
48. *Subsection (2)* allows the Secretary of State at any time to request the advice of the Commission (by a specified deadline) on matters connected with a UK strategy (*subsection (2)(a)*) or the targets in sections 3 to 6 (*subsection (2)(b)*).
49. *Subsection (3)* requires the Secretary of State to have regard to advice provided by the Commission.
50. *Subsection (4)* provides that, when preparing a UK strategy, the Secretary of State must consult: such local authorities or associations of local authorities in England as the Secretary of State thinks fit; the devolved administrations; such children and organisations working with or representing children, as the Secretary of State thinks fit; and such parents and organisations working with or representing parents, as the Secretary of State thinks fit. The Secretary of State may also consult other persons.
51. *Subsection (5)* relates to the preparation of a UK strategy. It provides that when preparing a strategy, the Secretary of State must have regard to any Scottish, Welsh, or Northern Ireland strategy.