



# Ministry of Fuel and Power Act 1945

1945 CHAPTER 19 8 and 9 Geo 6

An Act to make further provision with respect to the appointment and functions of the Minister of Fuel and Power, and for purposes connected therewith. [25th April 1945]

## Commencement Information

**II** Act wholly in force at Royal Assent

## 1 †Appointment and functions of the Minister of Fuel and Power.

- (1) [<sup>F1</sup>The Secretary of State] shall be charged with the general duty of securing the effective and co-ordinated development of coal, petroleum and other minerals and sources of fuel and power in Great Britain, . . . <sup>F2</sup>, and of promoting economy and efficiency in the supply, distribution, use and consumption of fuel and power, whether produced in Great Britain or not.
- (2) The functions specified in the First Schedule to this Act (being functions transferred to the Minister of Fuel and Power by the Ministers of the Crown (Minister of Fuel and Power) Order 1942, made by His Majesty in Council under the Ministers of the <sup>M1</sup>Crown (Emergency Appointments) Act 1939), and all other functions conferred or imposed on that Minister by virtue of any enactment, regulation, order or other instrument passed or made before the commencement of this Act, shall be functions of the Minister appointed under this Act, and the said Order in Council (including the consequential provisions incorporated therewith) shall continue in force by virtue of this Act with respect to the functions thereby transferred notwithstanding the repeal of the Ministers of the <sup>M2</sup>Crown (Emergency Appointments) Act 1939, or the expiration of any Order in Council (whether made under that Act or under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts 1939 and 1940) by which those functions were previously transferred.
- (3) . . . . . <sup>F3</sup>

## Textual Amendments

- F1** Words substituted by virtue of S.I. 1969/1498, art. 2(2) and 1970/1537, arts. 2(2), 7(4)
- F2** Words repealed by S.I. 1974/2012, reg. 2

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**F3** S. 1(3) repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1966 (c. 5)

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** Unreliable marginal note
- C2** S. 1(1) extended by S.I. 1988/1222, **regs. 2, 3, 4**  
S. 1(1) so far as it relates to maintaining and improving the safety, health and welfare of persons employed in or about mines and quarries in Great Britain saved by virtue of Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (c.37, SIF 43:3), s. 53, **Sch. 1** and Tay Road Bridge Order Confirmation Act 1991 (c. iv), **Sch. Pt. VII s. 62**
- C3** s. 1(1) amended by Continental Shelf Act 1964 (c. 29), **s. 1(6)**

**Marginal Citations**

- M1** 1939 c. 77.
- M2** 1939 c. 77.

**2, 3.** ..... **F4**

**Textual Amendments**

**F4** Ss. 2, 3 repealed by S.I. 1969/1498, **Sch. 2**

**4** ..... **F5**

**Textual Amendments**

**F5** S. 4 repealed by House of Commons Disqualification Act 1957 (c. 20), **Sch 4 Pt. I**

**5** ..... **F6**

**Textual Amendments**

**F6** S. 5 repealed by S.I. 1969/1498, **Sch. 2**

**6 Interpretation.**

- (1) For the purposes of subsection (1) of section one of this Act, the expressions “coal” and “petroleum” respectively include products of coal and products of petroleum.
- (2) For the removal of doubt it is hereby declared that the functions transferred to the Minister of Fuel and Power by virtue of the Ministers of the Crown (Minister of Fuel and Power) Order 1942, do not include functions under section thirteen of the <sup>M3</sup>Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1890, or under the <sup>M4</sup>Railways (Electrical Power) Act 1903, (which respectively enable the Minister of War Transport to exercise powers relating to the making of byelaws for the prevention of danger from telegraph wires and other apparatus in and over streets and to the electrification of

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railways) or functions of the Board of Trade under section twenty of the <sup>M5</sup>Petroleum (Consolidation) Act 1928 (which relates to apparatus for the testing of petroleum).

- (3) It is hereby declared that the reference in section one of this Act to any regulation, order or other instrument made before the commencement of this Act includes a reference to any such instrument in its application to Northern Ireland, and to any such instrument which relates to Northern Ireland only.

#### Marginal Citations

- M3** 1890 c. 59.  
**M4** 1903 c. 30.  
**M5** 1928 c. 32.

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| (2) ..... | F8 |
| (3) ..... | F9 |

#### Textual Amendments

- F7** S. 7(1) repealed by Ministerial Salaries Consolidation Act 1965 (c. 58), **Sch. 2**  
**F8** S. 7(2) repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1953 (2 & 3 Eliz. 2 c. 5), **Sch. 1**  
**F9** S. 7(3) repealed by Electricity Act 1989 (c. 29, SIF 44:1), s. 112(3)(4), Sch. 17 para. 35(1), **Sch. 18**

#### 8 Short title.

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## SCHEDULES

### FIRST SCHEDULE

Section 1.

FUNCTIONS TRANSFERRED TO THE MINISTER OF FUEL AND POWER BY THE MINISTERS OF  
 THE CROWN (MINISTER OF FUEL AND POWER) ORDER, 1942 (S.R. & O. 1942 NO. 1132)

All functions exercisable by the Board of Trade, whether under any enactment or otherwise, in relation to—

- (a) coal, minerals, mines and the mining industry, quarries and petroleum, other than functions exercisable under the enactments relating to weights and measures;
- (b) gas undertakings and the supply of gas, including functions exercisable in relation to gas under the enactments relating to weights and measures;
- (c) electricity undertakings and the supply of electricity, including functions relating to the Electricity Commissioners; and
- (d) hydraulic power undertakings and the supply of hydraulic power.

but not including functions conferred on the Board of Trade by or under Regulations made under the <sup>M6</sup>Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts 1939 <sup>M7</sup> and 1940, other than the functions referred to in Regulation 3 of the Defence (Functions of Ministers) Regulations 1941 (by which the functions of the Minister of War Transport in relation to electricity undertakings and the supply of electricity, including functions relating to the Electricity Commissioners, were transferred to the Board of Trade).

#### Marginal Citations

**M6** 1939 c. 62.

**M7** 1940 c. 20.

### F10F10 SECOND SCHEDULE

#### Textual Amendments

**F10** Sch. 2 repealed by Ministerial Salaries Consolidation Act 1965 (c. 58), Sch. 2

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**F11F11** THIRD SCHEDULE

**Textual Amendments**

**F11** Sch. 3 repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1950 (c. 6), Sch. 1

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