



Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 32

PART V

FUNCTIONS OF SECRETARY OF STATE

40 Power to require use by police of specified facilities, equipment or services

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for requiring the police force to use specified facilities, equipment or services, or facilities, equipment or services of a specified description, if he considers that it would be in the interests of the efficiency or effectiveness of the police force for it to do so.
- (2) Before making any regulations under this section, the Secretary of State shall consult—
 - (a) the Police Authority;
 - (b) the Chief Constable; and
 - (c) the Police Association.
- (3) Before making any regulations under this section relating to information technology, the Secretary of State shall consult the Police Information Technology Organisation.
- (4) In subsection (3) “information technology” includes any computer or other technology by means of which information or other matter may be recorded or communicated without being reduced to documentary form.