



International Development Act 2002

2002 CHAPTER 1

PART 1

ASSISTANCE

Provision of assistance

1 Development assistance

- (1) The [^{F1}Minister] may provide any person or body with development assistance if [^{F2}the Minister] is satisfied that the provision of the assistance is likely to contribute to a reduction in poverty.
- [^{F3}(1A) Before providing development assistance under subsection (1), the [^{F4}Minister] shall have regard to the desirability of providing development assistance that is likely to contribute to reducing poverty in a way which is likely to contribute to reducing inequality between persons of different gender.]
- (2) In this Act “development assistance” means assistance provided for the purpose of—
- furthering sustainable development in one or more countries outside the United Kingdom, or
 - improving the welfare of the population of one or more such countries.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2)(a) “sustainable development” includes any development that is, in the opinion of the [^{F5}Minister], prudent having regard to the likelihood of its generating lasting benefits for the population of the country or countries in relation to which it is provided.
- [^{F6}(4) In this Act, “the Minister” means the Secretary of State or the Treasury.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 1(1) substituted (10.1.2018) by [The Transfer of Functions \(International Development\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1283\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 3(2)(a)** (with art. 3)

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- F2** Words in s. 1(1) substituted (10.1.2018) by The Transfer of Functions (International Development) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/1283), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 3(2)(b)** (with art. 3)
- F3** S. 1(1A) inserted (13.5.2014) by International Development (Gender Equality) Act 2014 (c. 9), **ss. 1(2), 3(2)** (with s. 1(4))
- F4** Word in s. 1(1A) substituted (10.1.2018) by The Transfer of Functions (International Development) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/1283), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 3(3)** (with art. 3)
- F5** Word in s. 1(3) substituted (10.1.2018) by The Transfer of Functions (International Development) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/1283), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 3(4)** (with art. 3)
- F6** S. 1(4) inserted (10.1.2018) by The Transfer of Functions (International Development) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/1283), art. 1(2), **Sch. para. 3(5)** (with art. 3)

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