



Energy Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 20

PART 1

THE CIVIL NUCLEAR INDUSTRY

CHAPTER 3

CIVIL NUCLEAR CONSTABULARY

Civil Nuclear Constabulary

54 Functions of senior officers

- (1) In carrying out his functions in any financial year, the chief constable must have regard to—
 - (a) the annual policing plan for that year issued by the Police Authority under paragraph 2 of Schedule 12; and
 - (b) the three-year strategy plan ^{F1}... issued by the Police Authority under paragraph 3 of that Schedule for a period that includes that year.
- (2) The deputy chief constable may perform a function of the chief constable—
 - (a) while the chief constable is unable to act or unavailable;
 - (b) during a vacancy in the office of chief constable; or
 - (c) with the consent of the chief constable.
- (3) A consent for the purposes of subsection (2)(c) may be either general or specific.
- (4) The Police Authority may authorise an assistant chief constable to perform a function of the chief constable—
 - (a) while both the chief constable and the deputy chief constable are unable to act or unavailable; or
 - (b) while the offices of chief constable and deputy chief constable are both vacant.

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- (5) At any one time, only one person may be authorised to act under subsection (4).
- (6) No person shall be entitled by virtue of subsection (2)(a) or (b) or an authorisation under subsection (4) to act for a continuous period exceeding three months, except with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 54(1)(b) omitted (31.1.2024) by virtue of [Energy Act 2023 \(c. 52\)](#), **ss. 310(2)(a)**, 334(1); [S.I. 2024/32](#), reg. 3(c)
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Commencement Information

- I1** [S. 54](#) in force at 1.4.2005 by [S.I. 2005/877](#), art. 2(1), **Sch. 1**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 137(3)(c)-(e) inserted by [2011 c. 16 s. 117\(b\)](#)
- s. 173(2C) inserted by [2023 c. 52 Sch. 14 para. 10](#)
- Sch. 22 para. 4(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 52 Sch. 14 para. 11\(2\)\(b\)](#)