



# 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 most recently 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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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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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.