

*These notes refer to the Crossrail Act 2008 (c.18)
which received Royal Assent on 22 July 2008*

CROSSRAIL ACT 2008

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS AND SCHEDULES

Railway matters

Section 23: Duty of ORR to publish reports

71. *Section 23(1) and (2)* require the ORR to publish a report on two matters from time to time and also at any time that the Secretary of State requires. The first potential subject-matter of such a report is what the ORR has done or proposes to do to further its objective of facilitating the construction of Crossrail (the objective arising under section 22). The second matter is how the ORR has exercised or proposes to exercise its functions in connection with the operation of passenger services that make use of the principal Crossrail tunnel.
72. *Section 23(3)* provides that the ORR shall have regard to such a report where relevant in the exercise of any of its functions.
73. *Section 23(5) and (6)* provide for the termination of the requirement to report when the Secretary of State specifies by order, which must be laid before Parliament but is not subject to annulment. This provision enables the otherwise open-ended requirement to report to be brought to a close, as a point may be reached when it will cease to serve a useful purpose.