

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

# CROSSRAIL ACT 2008

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS AND SCHEDULES

#### *Miscellaneous and general*

#### *Section 51: Power to devolve functions of Secretary of State*

130. *Section 51(1)* allows the Secretary of State, by means of an order, to devolve certain provisions of the Act to the Greater London Authority, Transport for London or to the Greater London Authority and Transport for London. The exercise of this power of devolution would be closely linked to decisions as to the broader transfer to such bodies of responsibilities and controls concerning completion of the project, should the Secretary of State consider this to be appropriate.
131. *Section 51(2)* allows the Secretary of State to fetter his discretion under subsection (1) by agreement with the Mayor of London or Transport for London.
132. *Section 51(3) to (6)* set out the arrangements to apply to an order under this section. Such an order is to be made by statutory instrument subject to the negative resolution procedure.
133. *Section 51(7)* sets out provisions of the Act which are to be capable of being devolved under this section. These include land acquisition powers and the power to make orders in relation to nominated undertakers.