

*These notes refer to the Climate Change Act 2008 (c.27)  
which received Royal Assent on 26th November 2008*

# CLIMATE CHANGE ACT 2008

---

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 4: Impact of and adaptation to climate change**

##### **National reports and programmes**

##### *Section 57: Advice of Committee on Climate Change on impact report*

250. *Subsection (1)* of this section requires the Committee on Climate Change to provide the Secretary of State with advice in relation to his reports assessing the risks of climate change to the United Kingdom under section 56. Section 56(5) requires the Secretary of State to take the Committee's advice into account before laying his reports before Parliament.
251. *Subsection (2)* requires the Committee to give its advice at least six months before the Secretary of State is required to lay his reports before Parliament – under section 56, the first report must be laid before Parliament within 3 years after the Act receives Royal Assent, with subsequent reports at least every five years.
252. *Subsection (3)* requires the Committee to send copies of its advice to the other national authorities (see section 95) at the same time as it gives its advice to the Secretary of State and *subsection (4)* requires it to publish its advice in an appropriate manner as soon as is reasonably practical after that.