

POLICE REFORM AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTES

OVERVIEW

Part 1- Police Reform

Other Provisions Relating to Policing and Crime and Disorder

Section 85: Inspection programmes and frameworks

239. **Section 85** amends paragraph 2 of Schedule 4A to the Police Act 1996 (inspection programmes and inspection frameworks).
240. **Subsection (2)** removes the power of the Secretary of State to direct by order the time when the inspectors of constabulary should prepare an inspection programme.
241. **Subsection (4)** provides for the chief inspector of constabulary (rather than the Secretary of State) to lay before Parliament, publish and distribute the inspection framework and programme. It also provides for the chief inspector to obtain the Secretary of State's approval of the inspection framework and programme.
242. **Subsection (7)** gives the Secretary of State the power to specify by order matters to which the chief inspector must have regard in preparing the inspection framework and programme, including the need to ensure that inspections do not impose an undue burden on police forces, and that inspections address policing issues of national importance.