

POLICE REFORM AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTES

OVERVIEW

Part 1- Police Reform

Miscellaneous Provisions

Schedule 15: Police reform: transitional provision

289. [Schedule 15](#) makes transitional provision in relation to the abolition of police authorities and the transfer of their staff, property, rights and liabilities.
290. [Part 1](#) ensures that holders of the office of chief constable or Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis remain in post and retain all of their rights and liabilities when their offices acquire the new status of corporation sole under the Act.
291. [Part 2](#) provides for the automatic transfer of all staff, property, rights and liabilities of a police authority (including the Metropolitan Police Authority) to the new policing body (a police and crime commissioner or the Mayor's office for Policing and Crime) when the police authority is abolished. Where, prior to the transfer, a member of staff of a police authority was under the direction and control of a chief officer of police, that member of staff will remain under the chief officer's direction and control.
292. [Part 3](#) provides for the Secretary of State to direct a new policing body to make transfer schemes for transferring staff, property, rights or liabilities to a chief officer. A transfer scheme may also provide for staff to be transferred to a local authority. The Secretary of State may also modify a transfer scheme.
293. [Part 4](#) deals with detailed matters in relation to transfers of staff, continuity of rights, liabilities, proceedings etc and the avoidance of any unintended consequences of a transfer. Further, it allows the Secretary of State to make additional transitional provision by order, including provision which amends or otherwise modifies legislation.