

# Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

## **2011 CHAPTER 13**

#### PART 1

POLICE REFORM

### **CHAPTER 5**

POLICE FORCES IN AREAS WITH ELECTED LOCAL POLICING BODIES

The metropolitan police force

# 45 Assistant Commissioners of Police of the Metropolis

- (1) The metropolitan police force must have one or more Assistant Commissioners of Police of the Metropolis.
- (2) The Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis must consult the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime before appointing a person as an Assistant Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis.
- (3) The appointment of a person as an Assistant Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis is subject to regulations under section 50 of the Police Act 1996.
- (4) An Assistant Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis may exercise any of the powers and duties of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis with the consent of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis.
- (5) Subsection (4) is without prejudice to regulations under section 50 of the Police Act 1996.
- (6) In a case where an Assistant Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis is acting in place of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis—

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- section 48 applies in relation to the Assistant Commissioner as it applies to the Commissioner (and references to the Commissioner in that section, and in other enactments relating to that section, are to be read accordingly); and
- (b) section 49 does not apply in relation to the Assistant Commissioner.
- (7) For the purposes of subsection (6), an Assistant Commissioner is to be taken to be acting in place of the Commissioner at a particular time if
  - the Assistant Commissioner is, at that time, authorised by subsection (4) to exercise powers and duties of the Commissioner, and
  - (b) that time falls during—
    - (i) any absence, incapacity or suspension from office of the Commissioner, or
    - (ii) any vacancy in the office of Commissioner.