

*These notes refer to the Energy Act 2013 (c.32)
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ENERGY ACT 2013

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2: Electricity Market Reform

Chapter 1: General considerations

Section 5: General considerations relating to this Part

83. This Chapter places a duty on the Secretary of State to have regard to certain matters when setting up the CFD scheme and the capacity market or making changes to them. The section requires the Secretary of State to take account of the government's obligations under the Climate Change Act 2008 to meet the 2050 target and to stay within carbon budgets, the duty to meet any decarbonisation target range once this has been set, the need to ensure security of electricity supplies (which might include, for example, having a diverse mix of generation technologies), the likely cost to consumers in the parts of the United Kingdom affected by the decision he or she is taking and the United Kingdom's obligation to meet European Union targets on the use of energy from renewable sources.
84. This Chapter also sets a duty for the Secretary of State to lay an annual report to Parliament on how the EMR functions under Part 2 have been carried out.