

*These notes refer to the Energy Act 2013 (c.32)
which received Royal Assent on 18 December 2013*

ENERGY ACT 2013

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2: Electricity Market Reform

Chapter 3: Capacity Market

Section 43: Pilot scheme for electricity demand reduction

183. *Subsection (1)* of this section enables the Secretary of State to spend money on an electricity demand reduction pilot programme. Before proposing a particular design for an electricity demand reduction regime, the Secretary of State may wish to explore particular design options by running a pilot programme to test different options. This spending power enables the Secretary of State to spend money for these purposes.
184. *Subsections (2) to (4)* of this section add a statutory reporting requirement for any pilot schemes. *Subsection (2)* sets out a duty to review the operation and effectiveness of any pilot scheme, while *subsection (3)* requires the results of that review to be reported to Parliament. This can be done through a written report laid in both Houses, or, if the Secretary of State thinks it should be done orally, by making a statement. *Subsection (4)* specifies that this should be done as soon as reasonably practicable after the conclusion of any pilot.