ENERGY ACT 2013

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2: Electricity Market Reform

Chapter 4: Investment contracts

Schedule 2, Part 2

Paragraph 13: Consultation

- 220. *Paragraph 13* imposes requirements on the Secretary of State about who he or she must consult before making regulations under Schedule 2 with *sub-paragraph* (8) expressly providing that any required consultation may take place before or after enactment of the Act.
- 221. As a broad rule, the Secretary of State is required to consult those persons who will be affected by specific regulations, as well as the devolved administrations in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. For example, electricity suppliers are required to be consulted on regulations under *paragraphs* 7, 8, 9 or 14(3).