

*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 5: Strategy and Policy Statement

Section 135: Procedural requirements

558. This sets out the procedural requirements for preparing and designating a statement (including any amendments to a statement) (*subsections (1) and (2)*). Preparation of a draft statement may begin before the passing of this Act (*subsection (9)*). The Secretary of State must:
- prepare a draft and consult the Authority, Scottish Ministers and Welsh Ministers on it (“first consultation”) (*subsections (3) and (4)*);
 - revise the draft in light of responses to the first consultation and publish a revised draft for a wider consultation (that is, those mentioned above and any other persons that the Secretary of State considers appropriate) (“second consultation”) (*subsection (5)*);
 - amend the revised draft in light of responses to the second consultation and prepare a report summarising the second consultation responses and any amendments made as a result (*subsection (6)*), and
 - lay the report and the final draft statement before Parliament, to be passed by affirmative resolution (*subsections (7) and (8)*).