

**53. Minister's powers in relation to draft strategic development plan**

- (1) The Minister may return a draft strategic development plan to a board and request it to —
  - (a) consider or further consider any matter and deal with the matter in the draft plan; and
  - (b) revise the draft plan in the light of its consideration or further consideration.
- (2) A board must comply with a request under subsection (1) as soon as is practicable.
- (3) If a board and the Minister have not reached agreement on a draft strategic development plan by one month before the start of the next financial year, the Minister may, by written notice, direct the board —
  - (a) to take specified steps in relation to the draft plan; or
  - (b) to make specified modifications to the draft plan.
- (4) A board must comply with a direction under subsection (3) as soon as is practicable.
- (5) The Minister must within 14 days after a direction is given cause a copy of it to be laid before each House of Parliament or dealt with in accordance with section 133.