

12. Powers of the Authority

- (1) The Authority may do all things necessary or convenient to be done for or in connection with the performance of its functions.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1) or any other power conferred on the Authority by the emergency services Acts, the Authority may —
 - (a) subject to section 14, acquire, hold, manage, improve, develop, dispose of, and otherwise deal in, real and personal property;
 - (b) produce and publish information on matters related to its functions;
 - (c) require payment of rent, fees or other charges for the use of any of its facilities or services;
 - (ca) make such charges as it determines for anything done by it in the performance of its functions under section 26A of the *Fire Brigades Act 1942*;
 - (d) fix the amount of rent, fees or other charges referred to in paragraph (c) or (ca) and may reduce or refund the amount payable in particular cases;
 - (e) enter into a contract or arrangement with a person or body (including a local government, or a department of the Public Service or other agency or instrumentality of the State or the Commonwealth) —
 - (i) for the performance by that person or body of any work or the supply of equipment or services; or
 - (ii) to provide consultancy or advisory services to that person or body;
 - (ea) develop and turn to account any technology, software or other intellectual property that relates to a function of the Authority and, for that purpose, apply for, hold, exploit and dispose of any patent, patent rights, copyright or similar rights; and
 - (f) act in conjunction with a person, a firm or a local government, or a department of the Public Service or other agency or instrumentality of the State or the Commonwealth.
- (2a) Subsection (2)(c) and (ca) do not apply in relation to any facility, service or other thing in respect of which rent, fees or charges may be prescribed under an emergency services Act.
- (3) In subsection (2) —

“**acquire**” includes taking on lease or licence or in any other manner in which property may be acquired;

“**dispose of**” includes disposing of by way of lease or licence or in any other manner in which property may be disposed of.

[Section 12 amended by No. 38 of 2002 s. 8; No. 42 of 2002 s. 6.]