

**18. Minister to have access to information**

(1) The Minister is entitled —

- (a) to have information in the possession of the Authority; and
- (b) if the information is in or on a document, to have, and make and retain copies of, that document.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the Minister may —

- (a) request the Authority to provide information to the Minister;
- (b) request the Authority to give the Minister access to information;
- (c) for the purposes of paragraph (b), make use of a member of staff to obtain the information and provide it to the Minister.

(3) The Authority is to comply with a request under subsection (2) and make its staff and facilities available to the Minister for the purposes of paragraph (c) of that subsection.

(4) In this section —

**“document”** includes any tape, disc, or other device or medium on which information is recorded or stored;

**“information”** means information specified, or of a description specified, by the Minister that relates to the functions of the Authority.