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HOUSING (VOLUME 56 (2011) 5TH EDITION)

1. THE LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATION

(1) SCOPE OF THE TITLE AND SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

1. Scope of the title.

This title is concerned with the administration by local authorities, the Social Housing Regulator in England, registered social landlords in Wales and other bodies, of the legislation concerning social housing¹, including the provision and management of houses² and housing finance³, and certain disposals and transfers of housing land and housing stock⁴. Housing benefit⁵, landlord and tenant matters in relation to secure tenancies⁶, the right to buy⁷ and the former right of the private sector to acquire dwelling houses subject to secure tenancies⁸ are, however, dealt with elsewhere in this work.

Local authority powers and duties in relation to housing conditions and the enforcement of housing standards⁹, including the provision of grants for repair and improvement¹⁰ and other assistance for owners of defective housing¹¹, the prevention of overcrowding¹², and certain energy efficiency provisions¹³ fall within the scope of this title. However, building regulations¹⁴ and planning controls¹⁵ are discussed elsewhere in this work.

Residential care homes¹⁶, nursing homes and mental nursing homes¹⁷, and children's homes¹⁸ do not fall within the scope of this title.

The duty of a local authority under the Equality Act 2010, when making decisions of a strategic nature about how to exercise its functions in relation, inter alia, to premises, to have due regard to the desirability of exercising them in a way that is designed to reduce the inequalities of outcome which result from socio-economic disadvantage, is dealt with elsewhere in this work¹⁹.

1 For a summary of the main legislation see PARAS 2-4; and as to local administration see PARA 8 et seq. As to the control of housing associations and housing action trusts see PARA 23 et seq; as to the regulation of social housing in England see PARA 30 et seq; as to registered social landlords in Wales see PARA 123 et seq; and as to the ombudsman service see PARAS 7, 92 et seq.

2 See PARA 221 et seq.

3 See PARA 173 et seq.

4 See under the Housing Act 1985 Pt II (ss 8-57) (see PARA 309 et seq) or to housing action trusts (see PARA 326 et seq).

5 See HOUSING vol 22 (2006 Reissue) PARA 140 et seq.

6 See under the Housing Act 1985 Pt IV (ss 79-117): see LANDLORD AND TENANT vol 27(2) (2006 Reissue) PARA 1300 et seq.

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