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*Freedom of Information Act 2015*

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2015 (APPOINTED DAY) ORDER 2015

*Made:**10 August 2015*

The Council of Ministers makes the following Order under section 2 of the Freedom of Information Act 2015.

1 Title

This Order is the Freedom of Information Act 2015 (Appointed Day) Order 2015.

2 Interpretation

In this Order “**the Act**” means the *Freedom of Information Act 2015* and a reference to a numbered provision of a particular description (without more) is a reference to the provision of that description so numbered in the Act.

3 Commencement of provisions of the Act

- (1) The Act comes into operation as follows.
- (2) On the day following the making of this Order the following provisions come into operation —
 - (a) in section 5(1) the definition of “Information Commissioner”;
 - (b) section 52(2) so far as it relates to paragraph 4 of Schedule 2¹;
 - (c) section 69 so far as it relates to paragraphs 18 and 20 of Schedule 4;
 - (d) paragraph 4 of Schedule 2;
 - (e) paragraphs 18 and 20 of Schedule 4.
- (3) The following provisions come into operation on 1 September 2015—
 - (a) in section 5 —

¹ Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3(1) of this Schedule do not apply in the case of the first holder of the office of Information Commissioner because the Data Protection Supervisor assumes that office by virtue of the express provision in section 52(1) of the Act.

- (i) in subsection (1) the definitions of “advice panel”, “code of practice”, “held” and “information”; and
 - (ii) subsection (2);
 - (b) section 7(4) to (7);
 - (c) in section 52, subsection (1) and subsection (2) so far as it relates to the remaining provisions of Schedule 2;
 - (d) section 53;
 - (e) section 54;
 - (f) section 56;
 - (g) section 57;
 - (h) section 58;
 - (i) section 60, so far as is necessary for the purposes of the consultation required by subsection (3);
 - (j) section 67;
 - (k) section 68;
 - (l) section 69, so far as it relates to the provisions of Schedule 4 commenced by subparagraph (n);
 - (m) the remaining provisions of Schedule 2;
 - (n) in Schedule 4 —
 - (i) Part 1;
 - (ii) in Part 2, paragraphs 4 and 13;
 - (iii) Part 3.
- (4) Section 60 comes into operation on 1 November 2015 for all remaining purposes.
- (5) The Act comes into operation for all remaining purposes on 1 February 2016.

4 Transitional provisions

- (1) For the purposes of any consultation conducted for the purposes of paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 (consultation with Public Services Commission on the terms of appointment of the Information Commissioner) before the *Public Services Commission Act 2015* comes fully into operation, the reference in that paragraph to the Public Services Commission is to be taken to include the Civil Service Commission.
- (2) Until the advice panel under section 57 is constituted, section 56(1) has effect as if the words “on the advice panel” were omitted.

MADE 10 AUGUST 2015

W GREENHOW
Chief Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order provides for the coming into operation of the Freedom of Information Act 2015.