
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1973 No. 2161 (N.I. 24)

NORTHERN IRELAND

The Ministries (Northern Ireland) Order 1973

Laid before Parliament in draft

Made - - - - 19th December 1973

*Coming into operation in accordance with
Article 1(2)*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 19th day of December 1973

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas a draft of this Order has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament :

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1(3) of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972(a) and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Title and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Ministries (Northern Ireland) Order 1973.

(2) This Order, except Article 4, shall come into operation immediately before the expiration of the day preceding the day appointed by an Order made under section 2 of the Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973(b) for the commencement of Part II of that Act and Article 4 shall come into operation on the day so appointed.

Interpretation

2. The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(c) shall apply to Article 1 and the following Articles of this Order in like manner as it applies to an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Establishment of Ministries

3.—(1) There shall be established departments which shall be styled by the names of the Ministry of the Environment for Northern Ireland and the Ministry of Manpower Services for Northern Ireland and those Ministries shall be the departments in Northern Ireland for the administration of such public services as may from time to time be assigned to them by or under section 4 of the Ministries Act (Northern Ireland) 1944(d) or any other enactment.

(a) 1972 c. 22.

(b) 1973 c. 36.

(c) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.).

(d) 1944 c. 14 (N.I.).

(2) The said Ministries shall be departments, the heads whereof for the time being shall be Ministers of Northern Ireland under the titles of Minister of the Environment and Minister of Manpower Services respectively.

(3) The provisions of sections 1(3), 2 and 3 of the Ministries of Northern Ireland Act 1921(a) (which relate to the distribution of business, the seal, style and acts of a Ministry and evidence of those acts) shall apply to the Ministries established by this Article as if they were Ministries named in the Schedule to that Act and section 4 of the Administrative Provisions Act (Northern Ireland) 1925(b) (which relates to administrative expenses) shall apply to those Ministries in like manner as it applies to the departments mentioned in that section.

(4) In section 5 of the Administrative Provisions Act (Northern Ireland) 1925 (which makes provision for the designation of Ministries and Ministers) after the entry relating to the Ministry of Community Relations there shall be inserted the following:—

“the expression ‘Ministry of the Environment’ shall mean the Ministry of the Environment for Northern Ireland ;

the expression ‘Ministry of Manpower Services’ shall mean the Ministry of Manpower Services for Northern Ireland.”.

Abolition of Ministry of Home Affairs

4. The Ministry of Home Affairs shall cease to exist.

Supplementary

5.—(1) The reference in section 4(2) of the Ministries Act (Northern Ireland) 1944 to that Act shall be deemed to include a reference to this Order.

(2) The Parliamentary Commissioner Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(c) shall apply to the Ministries established by this Order and accordingly those Ministries shall be added to the Ministries and other bodies specified in Schedule 1 to that Act.

W. G. Agnew

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order establishes two new Ministries for Northern Ireland, namely the Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Manpower Services and abolishes the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(a) 1921 c. 6 (N.I.).

(b) 1925 c. 3 (N.I.).

(c) 1969 c. 10 (N.I.).