### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 1998 No. 1506

# The Social Security (Northern Ireland) Order 1998

# PART II DECISIONS AND APPEALS CHAPTER I GENERAL

#### Decisions

### Transfer of functions to the Department

- 3. The following functions are hereby transferred to the Department, namely—
  - (a) the functions of adjudication officers appointed under section 36 of the Administration Act;
  - (b) the functions of social fund officers appointed under section 62 of that Act; and
  - (c) the functions of child support officers appointed under Article 15 of the Child Support Order.

### Use of computers

- **4.**—(1) Any decision, determination or assessment falling to be made or certificate falling to be issued by the Department under any relevant statutory provision may be made or issued not only by an officer of the Department acting under its authority but also—
  - (a) by a computer for whose operation such an officer is responsible; and
  - (b) in the case of a decision, determination or assessment that may be made or a certificate that may be issued by a person providing services to the Department, by a computer for whose operation such a person is responsible.
  - (2) In this Article "relevant statutory provision" means any statutory provision contained in—
    - (a) Chapter II of this Part;
    - (b) the Contributions and Benefits Act;
    - (c) the Administration Act;
    - (d) the Child Support Order;
    - (e) the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) (Northern Ireland) Order 1994;
    - (f) the Child Support (Northern Ireland) Order 1995;
    - (g) the Jobseekers Order; or
    - (h) the Recovery of Benefits Order.