EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions Regulations 1988 ("the 1988 Regulations") with respect to unpaid maternity and sick leave. Regulation 1 provides for the amendments relating to unpaid maternity leave to have effect as from 10th June 1994 and the amendments relating to unpaid sick leave to have effect from 1st September 1995.

Regulation 2 introduces the amendments and provides for their interpretation, regulation 3 incorporates Police Trainees as members and regulation 4 effects the necessary amendments to regulations F1, F2 and G1 of, and Schedule A to, the 1988 Regulations. The amendments—

- (a) make new arrangements for making contributions to enable periods of unpaid maternity leave to count as pensionable service, and
- (b) make new provision for enabling periods of unpaid sick leave to count as pensionable service.

Regulation 5 makes transitional provision relating to periods of unpaid leave which occurred before the commencement of these Regulations.