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**HOUSING, ENGLAND AND WALES
HOUSING, SCOTLAND**
**The Housing Defects (Expenditure Limit)
Order 1984**

Made - - - - - 30th October 1984

Laid before the House of Commons 9th November 1984

Coming into Operation 1st December 1984

The Secretary of State for the Environment, in relation to England, the Secretary of State for Scotland, in relation to Scotland, and the Secretary of State for Wales, in relation to Wales, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the Housing Defects Act 1984(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following order:—

1. This order may be cited as the Housing Defects (Expenditure Limit) Order 1984 and shall come into operation on 1st December 1984.

2. The amount hereby specified as the expenditure limit for the purposes of paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Housing Defects Act 1984 is £14,000.

Patrick Jenkin,
Secretary of State for the Environment.

30th October 1984.

George Younger,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

24th October 1984.

Nicholas Edwards,
Secretary of State for Wales.

24th October 1984.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the order.)

This order specifies £14,000 as the expenditure limit for the purposes of ascertaining the amount of reinstatement grant payable under section 5 of the Housing Defects Act 1984 ("the Act") in respect of any defective dwelling. Such a grant may be payable to a person —

(a) in respect of work which is required to reinstate a defective dwelling, and

(b) towards the cost of entering into an arrangement in connection with such work which is likely to contribute towards the dwelling being regarded as acceptable security by a lending institution.

The amount of reinstatement grant is currently 90 per cent. (or in the case of financial hardship 100 per cent.) of the estimated or actual expenditure incurred, or of the expenditure limit, whichever is the least; but the Secretary of State, on the application of a housing authority, may approve a higher limit in any case or description of case.

Assistance is available under the Act only in respect of dwellings which are, or are in, buildings of a class designated under the Act; they are referred to in the Act as "defective dwellings". In relation to England and Wales, the Housing Defects (Prefabricated Reinforced Concrete Dwellings) (England and Wales) Designations 1984 were made by the Secretary of State for the Environment and the Secretary of State for Wales on 1st November 1984 and come into operation on 1st December 1984. A copy of these designations is obtainable from Her Majesty's Stationery Office. A booklet "Housing Defects: Help for Private Owners", which gives basic information about the assistance available is obtainable, free of charge, from the Department of the Environment and the Welsh Office. Copies have been provided to local authorities in whose areas defective dwellings in private ownership occur.

In relation to Scotland, the Housing Defects (Prefabricated Reinforced Concrete Dwellings) (Scotland) Designations 1984 were made by the Secretary of State for Scotland on 2nd November 1984 and come into operation on 1st December 1984. A copy of these designations is annexed to the Scottish Development Department Circular No. 31/1984 and is obtainable from the Department. A booklet entitled "Housing Defects: Help for Private Owners in Scotland" is also obtainable from the Department, free of charge, and copies have been provided to local authorities in whose areas defective dwellings in private ownership occur.

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