STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1999 No. 3420 (C. 92)

PENSIONS SOCIAL SECURITY

The Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (Commencement No. 2) Order 1999

Made - - - - *21st December 1999*

The Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 89(3) and (6) of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999(1) hereby make the following Order:

Citation and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (Commencement No. 2) Order 1999.

(2) In this Order references to sections and Schedules are references to sections of, and Schedules to, the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999.

Appointed days

2. The day appointed for the coming into force of sections 73 and 74, and Schedules 9 and 10 (new threshold for primary Class 1 contributions)—

- (a) for the purpose only of the exercise of any power to make regulations, is 22nd December 1999,
- (b) for all other purposes, is 6th April 2000.

3. The day appointed for the coming into force of sections 75 and 76 (earnings of workers supplied by service companies etc.) is 22nd December 1999.

4. The day appointed for the coming into force of—

- (a) sections 77 and 78 (Class 1B contributions),
- (b) section 84(1) (consequential amendments) so far as relating to paragraphs 74, 76 to 78 and 84 to 86 of Schedule 12,
- (c) section 88 (repeals) so far as relating to Parts VI and VII of Schedule 13,
- (d) paragraphs 74, 76 to 78 and 84 to 86 of Schedule 12 (consequential amendments), and

(e) Parts VI and VII of Schedule 13 (repeals), is 6th April 2000.

Jim Dowd Bob Ainsworth Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

21st December 1999

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order provides for the coming into force on the dates listed below of the following provisions of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (c. 30) relating to national insurance contributions:

- sections 73 and 74, together with Schedules 9 and 10 (new threshold for primary Class 1 contributions)—22nd December 1999 for the purpose only of authorising the making of regulations, and 6th April 2000 for all other purposes;
- sections 75 and 76 (earnings of workers supplied by service companies etc.)— 22nd December 1999;
- sections 77 and 78 (Class 1B contributions)—6th April 2000;
- paragraphs 74, 76 to 78 and 84 to 86 of Schedule 12, and section 84(1) so far as relating to those paragraphs (consequential amendments)—6th April 2000;
- Parts VI and VII of Schedule 13, and section 88 so far as relating to those Parts (repeals)— 6th April 2000.

The cost to business of the commencement of provisions in the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 is detailed in the Regulatory Impact Assessment for that Act. A copy of this Assessment can be obtained from the Department of Social Security, Better Regulation Unit, Level 3, the Adelphi, 1-11 John Adam Street, London WC2N 6HT. A copy of the Assessment has been placed in the libraries of both Houses of Parliament.

NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

(This note is not part of the Order)

The following provisons of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act have been brought into force by the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act (Commencement No. 1) Order 1999 (S.I.1999/3309 (C. 88))—

| Provision of Welfare Reform and Pensions Act | Date of commencement |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Section 53 | 12th January 2000 and 2nd April 2000 |
| Section 61 | 3rd April 2000 |
| Section 66 | 12th January 2000 |
| Section 67(1) and (2) | 12th January 2000 |
| Section 70 (in relation to certain provisions of Schedule 8) | 13th December 1999, 12th January 2000, 2nd April 2000 and 3rd April 2000 |
| Section 88 (for the purpose of cases to which section 53 applies and in relation to certain repeals in Schedule 13) | 2nd April 2000 |