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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order, made under the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46) (“the 1998 Act”), provides for the function of a Minister of the Crown described below, so far as it is exercisable by that Minister in or as regards Scotland, to be exercisable by the Scottish Ministers concurrently with the Minister of the Crown.

Article 2 of the Order provides that in relation to the funding of rail services provided under franchise agreements the function of making grants to the Strategic Rail Authority conferred on a Minister of the Crown by the Transport Act 2000 (c. 38) shall be exercisable in or as regards Scotland by the Scottish Ministers concurrently with a Minister of the Crown. The exercise of the function is subject to the restrictions specified in the Schedule to the Order.

Article 3 provides for certain general modifications of enactments in connection with provision made by the Order.