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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2004 No. 938**

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**

**The Freedom of Information (Additional  
Public Authorities) Order 2004**

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| <i>Made</i>                   | - - - - | <i>29th March 2004</i> |
| <i>Laid before Parliament</i> |         | <i>29th March 2004</i> |
| <i>Coming into force</i>      | - -     | <i>19th April 2004</i> |

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 4(1) and 4(6) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000<sup>(1)</sup>, and after consultation with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland<sup>(2)</sup> in accordance with section 4(7) of the Freedom of Information Act, hereby makes the following Order:

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2004 and shall come into force on 19 April 2004.

(2) In this Order, “the Act” means the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

2. The bodies and offices listed in Schedule 1 to this Order shall be added to Part II of Schedule 1 to the Act, at the appropriate place in each case.

3. The bodies and offices listed in Schedule 2 to this Order shall be added to Part VI of Schedule 1 to the Act, at the appropriate place in each case.

4. The bodies and offices listed in Schedule 3 to this Order shall be added to Part VII of Schedule 1 to the Act, at the appropriate place in each case.

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(1) 2000 c. 36.

(2) 2000 c. 1, Northern Ireland Act 2000. Section 4(7) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Secretary of State to consult the First Minister and Deputy First Minister in Northern Ireland before making an order under section 4(1) that will add to Schedule 1 a body which, or the holder of any office who, would be a Northern Ireland public authority. Section 1 of the Northern Ireland Act 2000 suspends the devolved government in Northern Ireland, and by paragraph 4(1) of Schedule 1 to that Act, any functions of the First Minister and the Deputy First Minister may be discharged by the Secretary of State during the period of suspension.

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

Dated 29th March 2004

*Filkin*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department for Constitutional Affairs

## SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

A local fisheries committee for a sea fisheries district established under section 1 of the Sea Fisheries Regulation Act 1966<sup>(3)</sup>.

## SCHEDULE 2

Article 3

The Advisory Committee on Organic Standards.  
The Advisory Committee on Statute Law.  
The Architects Registration Board.  
The Chemical Weapons Convention National Authority Advisory Committee.  
The Committee on Radioactive Waste Management.  
The Distributed Generation Co-Ordinating Group.  
The East of England Industrial Development Board.  
The Fuel Poverty Advisory Group.  
Her Majesty's Commissioners for Judicial Appointments.  
The Independent Review Panel for Advertising.  
The Independent Review Panel for Borderline Products.  
The Legal Services Complaints Commissioner.  
The London and South East Industrial Development Board.  
The North East Industrial Development Board.  
The North West Industrial Development Board.  
The Pesticides Forum.  
The Police Advisory Board for England and Wales.  
The Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board.  
The Prison Service Pay Review Body.  
The Public Private Partnership Agreement Arbitrator.  
The Renewables Advisory Board.  
The Royal Hospital at Chelsea.  
The South West Industrial Development Board.  
The Sustainable Energy Policy Advisory Board.  
The West Midlands Industrial Development Board.  
The Yorkshire and the Humber and the East Midlands Industrial Development Board.

## SCHEDULE 3

Article 4

A central advisory committee established under paragraph 24 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972<sup>(4)</sup>.

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<sup>(3)</sup> 1966 c. 38.

<sup>(4)</sup> S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14).

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An advisory committee established under paragraph 25 of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972.

Obstetrics Committee.

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

The obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 apply to public authorities. For the purposes of the Act, a “public authority” means a body or office which is listed in Schedule 1 to the Act or designated by an order under section 5, or a publicly-owned company as defined by section 6. The list in Schedule 1 to the Act may be added to by an order under section 4(1), provided that the conditions prescribed by section 4(2) and (3) are satisfied.

Article 2 of this Order adds references to the bodies and offices listed in Schedule 1 to this Order to Part II of Schedule 1 to the Act (Local Government).

Article 3 of this Order adds references to the bodies and offices listed in Schedule 2 to this Order to Part VI of Schedule 1 to the Act (Other Public Bodies and Offices: General).

Article 4 of this Order adds references to the bodies and offices listed in Schedule 3 to this Order to Part VII of Schedule 1 to the Act (Other Public Bodies and Offices: Northern Ireland).

The bodies and offices added to Schedule 1 to the Act by this Order are public bodies. There are no regulatory implications for businesses arising from this Order, therefore a Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared.