STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2006 No. 250

GOVERNMENT RESOURCES AND ACCOUNTS

The Special Health Authorities (Summarised Accounts) Order 2006

Made - - - - 7th February 2006

Laid before Parliament 8th February 2006

Coming into force - - 24th March 2006

This Order is made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14 of the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000(a).

The Treasury, having regard to information contained or to be contained in resource accounts of the Department of Health prepared pursuant to section 5 of that Act (departmental accounts), considers that the preparation of summarised accounts for the bodies listed in the Schedule to this Order is unnecessary for the financial year ending on 31st March 2006.

The Treasury has consulted the Comptroller and Auditor General, the National Assembly for Wales and the Auditor General for Wales in accordance with section 14(3) and (4) of that Act.

Accordingly the Treasury makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Special Health Authorities (Summarised Accounts) Order 2006 and shall come into force on 24th March 2006.

Summarised Accounts of Special Health Authorities

2. Section 98(4) of the National Health Service Act 1977(**b**) (requirement to prepare summarised accounts) shall not apply to the Special Health Authorities(**c**) listed in the Schedule for the financial year ending on 31st March 2006.

⁽a) 2000 c.20.

⁽b) 1977 c.49; section 98(4) was amended by the Health and Social Service and Social Security Adjudications Act 1983 (c.41) section 12 and Schedule 5, paragraph 5. Section 98(4) of the National Health Service Act 1977 applies to bodies mentioned in section 98(1) of that Act, which was amended to include Special Health Authorities by the Health Authorities Act 1995 (c.17), section 2(1) and Schedule 1, paragraph 50(a).

⁽c) Special Health Authorities are established by orders made under section 11 National Health Service Act 1977, which was amended by the Health Authorities Act 1995, section 2(1) and Schedule 1, paragraph 2, and by the Health Act 1999 (c.8), section 65 and Schedule 4, paragraph 4 and 6.

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7th February 2006

SCHEDULE

Article 2

The Health and Social Care Information Centre

The NHS Business Services Authority (Awdurdod Gwasanaethau Busnes y GIG)

The NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order dis-applies the requirement in section 98(4) of the National Health Service Act 1977 (c.49) for the Secretary of State to prepare in respect of each financial year, summarised accounts of Special Health Authorities listed in the Schedule, and to send those accounts to the Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) for him to audit.

This Order provides that the requirement shall not apply to the Special Health Authorities listed in the Schedule for the financial year ending 31st March 2006. For that financial year, the accounts of those Special Health Authorities will be incorporated into the resource accounts of the Department of Health. The C&AG audits the resource accounts of the Department of Health. The Treasury therefore consider it unnecessary for the Secretary of State to prepare summarised accounts of those Special Health Authorities for the financial year in question.

The Health and Social Care Information Centre was established by the Health and Social Care Information Centre (Establishment and Constitution) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/499).

The NHS Business Services Authority (Awdurdod Gwasanaethau Busness y GIG) was established by the NHS Business Services Authority (Awdurdod Gwasanaethau Busness y GIG) (Establishment and Constitution) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/2414).

The NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement was established by the NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement (Establishment and Constitution) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/1446).

A full regulatory impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business is available on the website for Her Majesty's Treasury at www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/consultations_and_legislation/ria or (for hard copies) by writing to the Correspondence and Enquiry Unit, 2/W1, HM Treasury, 1 Horse Guards Road, London. SW1A2HQ.

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