

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO
THE CHILD BENEFIT UP-RATING ORDER 2007**

2007 No. 1053

1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

2. Description

This order increases, from 9 April 2007, the amounts of child benefit, as set out in the Pre-Budget Report on 6th December 2006.

3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

None

4. Legislative Background

This order is the annual uprating of the amounts of child benefit in line with the rise in the general level of prices.

5. Territorial Extent and Application

This instrument applies to all of the United Kingdom.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

The Paymaster General, Dawn Primarolo has made the following statement regarding Human Rights:

In my view the provisions of the Child Benefit Up-rating Order 2007 are compatible with the Convention rights.

7. Policy background

Sections 150 and 153 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 require the Treasury, in each tax year, to review the amounts of child benefit. Section 132 of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 provides for the equivalent change to be made in Northern Ireland. In consequence of that review the Treasury have made this Order, which amends the amounts of child benefit.

8. Impact

8.1 A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as it has no impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.

8.2 The estimated cost of the increase to child benefit, which was included in the Budget 2006 forecast, is £360 million.

9. Contact

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