

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order establishes a new Constitution for Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands. The Constitution provides for partnership values as the basis of the relationship between the United Kingdom and the Islands, and for enforceable fundamental rights and freedoms of the individual. The Governor, to be appointed by Her Majesty, has executive and legislative power, assisted by an Island Council. Judicial authority is conferred on a Supreme Court, a Court of Appeal, and such subordinate courts as may be established by the law of the Islands. Final appeal to the Privy Council remains regulated by the Pitcairn (Appeals to Privy Council) Order 2000 ([S.I. 2000/1816](#), as amended by [S.I. 2009/224](#)) as amended by this Order. The Constitution also makes provision for the Pitcairn Public Service, for the independent audit of the public accounts of Pitcairn, and for an Ombudsman.