

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (c. 36) (“the Act”) apply to public authorities. Section 3(1) provides that a “public authority” includes a body or office which is listed in Schedule 1 to the Act. The Minister for the Cabinet Office may add bodies and office holders to Schedule 1 by an order under section 4(1), provided that the conditions in section 4(2) and (3) are satisfied. By section 4(6), an order under section 4(1) may relate to a specified person or office or to persons or offices falling within a specified description.

Article 2(1) of this Order adds the bodies and office holders listed in the Schedule to this Order to Part 6 of Schedule 1 to the Act.

An Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.