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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2009 No. 2500 (C. 103)

PARLIAMENT

The Parliamentary Standards Act 2009 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2009

Made - - - - 12th September 2009

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14(3) of the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009(**1**):

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2009.

Commencement

2. The following provisions of the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009 shall come into force on 12th October 2009—

(a) section 1 (Bill of Rights);

(b) section 2 (House of Lords);

(c) section 3(1) and (2) (Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority etc);

(d) paragraphs 9 to 16 and 19 to 29 of Schedule 1 (Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority).

Jack Straw
Secretary of State for Justice

12th September 2009

(**1**) 2009 c. 13.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into force provisions of the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009 ("the 2009 Act") relating to the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority ("IPSA") on 12th October 2009. It brings into force the two introductory sections of the 2009 Act, sections 1 and 2. Section 1 of the 2009 Act provides that nothing in that Act shall be construed as affecting Article IX of the Bill of Rights 1689. Section 2 provides that, subject to certain exceptions, nothing in the 2009 Act shall affect the House of Lords.

Article 2(c) brings into force aspects of section 3 of the 2009 Act. It brings into force section 3(1) which establishes the IPSA as a body corporate. It also brings into force section 3(2) which provides that Schedule 1 (which makes provision about the IPSA) of the 2009 Act is to have effect. Article 2(d) brings into force certain paragraphs of Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the 2009 Act. In particular, it brings into force paragraph 15 which relates to the interim chief executive. This is to enable the person appointed as the interim chief executive to exercise the powers given to him or her in Schedule 1 to the 2009 Act. Those powers permit that person to incur expenditure and do other things in the name of and on behalf of the IPSA. Article 2(d) also brings into force other provisions which relate to the IPSA. Those provisions include provisions relating to the status of the IPSA, its powers, the appointment of a permanent chief executive and other staff, pensions for IPSA staff, funding, accounts and audit.

A regulatory impact assessment has not been prepared for this Order as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.