



2000 CHAPTER 1

Transitional arrangements

3.—(1) In relation to the interim period the existing arrangements shall have effect as if contained in a scheme in force under section 2.

(2) In this section—

“the interim period” means the period—

- (a) beginning on 1st December 1999; and
- (b) ending on whichever is the earlier of—
 - (i) 31st March 2000; and
 - (ii) the day immediately before that on which the first scheme under section 2 comes into force;

“the existing arrangements” means the arrangements which were—

- (a) made by the Secretary of State for the funding of political parties in the Assembly; and
- (b) in force immediately before the beginning of the interim period.