



2010 CHAPTER 4

Transfer of functions of the Pensions Regulator Tribunal

1. The functions of the Pensions Regulator Tribunal are transferred to the First-tier Tribunal and the Upper Tribunal, with the question as to which of them is to exercise the functions in a particular case being determined by or under Tribunal Procedure Rules.

Power to make ancillary provisions etc.

2.—(1) The Department may by order make such incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional or saving provisions as it considers necessary or expedient for the purposes of, in consequence of, or for giving full effect to this Act or any provision of it, or in connection with the coming into operation of any provision of this Act.

(2) An order under this section may amend, repeal or modify any statutory provision.

(3) An order under this section—

- (a) must be laid before the Assembly after being made; and
- (b) takes effect on such date as may be specified in the order, but (without prejudice to the validity of anything done thereunder or to the making of a new order) ceases to have effect upon the expiration of a period of six months from that date unless at some time before the expiration of that period the order is approved by a resolution of the Assembly.

Consequential, transitional and saving provisions etc.

3.—(1) Schedule 1 (which makes minor and consequential amendments) has effect.

- (2) Schedule 2 (which contains transitional and saving provisions) has effect.
- (3) Schedule 3 (which contains repeals) has effect.

Interpretation

4. In this Act—

“the Department” means the Department for Social Development;

“First-tier Tribunal” and “Upper Tribunal” mean those tribunals established under section 3 of the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 (c. 15);

“statutory provision” has the meaning given by section 1(f) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 (c. 33);

“Tribunal Procedure Rules” has the same meaning as in the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007.

Commencement

5.—(1) Sections 2 and 4 to 6 come into operation on the day after the day on which this Act receives Royal Assent.

(2) The other provisions of this Act come into operation on such day or days as the Department may by order appoint.

Short title

6. This Act may be cited as the Pensions Regulator Tribunal (Transfer of Functions) Act (Northern Ireland) 2010.