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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order is made as a consequence of a review under section 150 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (“the Administration Act”) and includes details of the sums mentioned in that section.

Part I of the Order relates to the citation, commencement and interpretation.

Part II of the Order relates to non-income related benefits other than jobseeker’s allowance.

Article 3 and Schedule 1 alter the benefits and increases of benefits (except the over 80 age addition) specified in Parts I, III, IV and V of Schedule 4 to the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (“the Contributions and Benefits Act”).

Article 4 increases the rates and amounts of certain pensions and allowances under the Contributions and Benefits Act.

Article 5 increases the sums payable as part of a Category A or Category B retirement pension under sections 15(1) and 17(2) and (3) of the Pension Schemes Act 1993 (“the Pension Schemes Act”) on account of increases in guaranteed minimum pensions.

Article 6 specifies the dates from which the sums specified for rates or amounts of benefit under the Contributions and Benefits Act or the Pension Schemes Act are altered.

Article 7 increases the rates of certain workmen’s compensation and industrial injuries benefits in respect of employment before 5th July 1948.

Article 8 specifies earnings limits for child dependency increases.

Article 9 increases the weekly rate of statutory sick pay.

Article 10 increases the weekly rate of statutory maternity pay.

Article 11 increases the rate of graduated retirement benefit.

Article 12 increases the rates of disability living allowance.

Article 13 increases the weekly rates of child benefit.

Article 14 increases the weekly rates of age addition to long-term incapacity benefit.

Article 15 increases the weekly rates of transitional invalidity allowance in long-term incapacity benefit cases.

Part III of the Order relates to income support, housing benefit and council tax benefit.

Article 16 states the amount of sums relevant to the applicable amount for the purposes of income support. Article 16(3) and Schedule 2 set out the personal allowances; article 16(4) and (5) and Schedule 3 set out the premiums; article 16(7) and Schedule 4 set out the amounts relevant to special cases; and article 16(8) and Schedule 5 set out other miscellaneous amounts as in force on 6th February 2002.

Article 17 provides for the percentage increase of sums payable by way of special transitional additions to income support.

Article 18 states the sum by which any income support of a person involved in a trade dispute is reduced.

Article 19 states the amount of the sums relevant for the purposes of housing benefit. Article 19(6) and Schedule 6 set out the personal allowances and article 19(8) and (9) and Schedule 7 set out the premiums.

Article 20 states the amount of the sums relevant for the purposes of council tax benefit. Article 20(5) and Schedule 8 set out the personal allowances and article 20(6) and (7) and Schedule 9 set out the premiums.

Part IV of the Order relates to jobseeker's allowance.

Article 21 increases the age-related amounts for contribution-based jobseeker's allowance.

Article 22 states the amount of sums relevant to the applicable amount for the purposes of income-based jobseeker's allowance. Article 22(3) and Schedule 10 set out the personal allowances; article 22(4) and (5) and Schedule 11 set out the premiums; article 22(6) and Schedule 12 set out the premiums for joint-claim couples; article 22(8) and Schedule 13 set out the amounts relevant to special cases; article 22(9) and Schedule 14 set out the amounts relevant to joint-claim special cases and article 22(10) and Schedule 15 set out other miscellaneous amounts.

Article 23 states the sum by which any jobseeker's allowance of a person involved in a trade dispute is reduced.

Part V of the Order relates to revocations.

Article 24 revokes the Social Security Benefits Up-rating (No. 2) Order 2000 (S.I.[2001/207](#)).

In accordance with section 150(8) of the Administration Act, a copy of the report of the Government Actuary (Cm. 5383) giving his opinion on the likely effect on the National Insurance Fund of the making of this Order was laid before Parliament with the draft Order.

The impact on business of this Order resulting from the changes to Statutory Maternity Pay has been included in the Regulatory Impact Assessment for the Statutory Maternity Pay (Compensation of Employers) Amendment Regulations 2002. A copy of that Assessment has been placed in the libraries of both Houses of Parliament and copies can be obtained from the Department for Work and Pensions, Regulatory Impact Unit, The Adelphi, 1–11 John Adam Street, London WC2N 6HT. Otherwise this Order imposes no new costs on business. A Regulatory Impact Assessment is not required to assess the impact of the changes in the rate of Statutory Sick Pay resulting from this Order as the Secretary of State, under section 150 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992, is required to review the rate of Statutory Sick Pay taking into consideration the general level of prices and has changed the rate by a pre-determined formula.