

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the Act”) apply to public authorities. For the purposes of the Act, a “public authority” means a body or office which is listed in Schedule 1 to the Act or designated by an order under section 5 of the Act, or a publicly-owned company as defined by section 6 of the Act.

Schedule 1 to the Act may be amended by an order made by the Secretary of State under section 7(3) (a) limiting an entry relating to a public authority to information of a specified description.

This Order limits the entries relating to three public authorities: the House of Commons, the House of Lords and the National Assembly for Wales. The effect of this Order is that:

- Information held by the House of Commons or the House of Lords relating to—
  - any residential address of a member of either House of Parliament,
  - forthcoming or regular travel arrangements of a member of either House of Parliament (except as to the total amount of expenditure incurred on travel during any month),
  - the identity of any person who delivers or has delivered goods, or provides or has provided services, to a member of either House of Parliament at their residence, and
  - expenditure by a member of either House of Parliament on security arrangements,is not held by them for the purposes of section 3 of the Act.
- Information held by the National Assembly for Wales relating to—
  - any residential address of a member of the Assembly,
  - forthcoming or regular travel arrangements of a member of the Assembly (except as to the total amount of expenditure incurred on travel during any month), and
  - the identity of any person who delivers or has delivered goods, or provides or has provided services, to a member of the Assembly at their residence, and
  - expenditure by a member of the Assembly on security arrangements,is not held by them for the purposes of section 3 of the Act.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.