

SCHEDULE 5

INFORMATION

Supply of information

7.—(1) Section 154 of the Pensions Act (disclosure of information between government departments, etc.) is amended as follows.

(2) After subsection (1) there is inserted—

“(1A) No obligation as to secrecy imposed by statute or otherwise on persons employed in relation to the Inland Revenue shall prevent information obtained or held for the purposes of Part III of this Act from being disclosed—

(a) to the Department,

(b) to the Secretary of State,

(c) to an officer of either of them authorised to receive such information,

in connection with the operation of this Act or of any corresponding Great Britain legislation.”.

(3) In subsection (5), for “Subsection (1) extends” there is substituted “Subsections (1) and (1A)”.

(4) In subsection (6)—

(a) after “subsection (1)” there is inserted “or (1A)”, and

(b) after paragraph (c) there is inserted

“or

(ca) for the purposes of Part III of the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 or any corresponding Great Britain legislation.”.