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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

The Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003

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The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 4(1) and 4(6) and section 7(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000(1), and after consultation with the Secretary of State Northern Ireland(2) in accordance with section 4(7) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, hereby makes the following Order:

^{(1) 2000} c. 36. The functions of the Secretary of State under sections 4 and 7 were transferred to the Lord Chancellor by the Transfer of Functions (Miscellaneous) Order 2001 (S.I.2001/3500), which Order amended those sections accordingly.

^{(2) 2001} c. 1, Northern Ireland Act 2000. Section 4(7) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Secretary of State to consult the First Minister and Deputy First Minister in Northern Ireland before making an order under section 4(1) that will add to Schedule 1 a body which, or the holder of any office who, would be a Northern Ireland public authority. Section 1 of the Northern Ireland Act 2000 suspends the devolved government in Northern Ireland, and by paragraph 4(1) of Schedule 1 to that Act, any functions of the First Minister and the deputy First Minister may be discharged by the Secretary of State during the period of suspension.