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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2014 No. 631**

**The Public Bodies (Abolition of the National Consumer Council and Transfer of the Office of Fair Trading's Functions in relation to Estate Agents etc) Order 2014**

**Transfer of functions of the National Consumer Council**

- 3.—**(1) Schedule 1 has effect—
- (a) to transfer certain functions of the National Consumer Council under—
    - (i) the Postal Services Act 2000**(1)**,
    - (ii) the 2007 Act, and
    - (iii) the Postal Services Act 2011**(2)**,to the consumer advocacy bodies;
  - (b) to transfer certain functions of the National Consumer Council under—
    - (i) the Gas Act 1986**(3)**,
    - (ii) the Electricity Act 1989**(4)**,
    - (iii) the Utilities Act 2000**(5)**,
    - (iv) the Communications Act 2003**(6)**, and
    - (v) the 2007 Act,to Citizens Advice and to Citizens Advice Scotland;
  - (c) to transfer certain functions of the National Consumer Council under—
    - (i) the Warm Homes and Energy Conservation Act 2000**(7)**, and
    - (ii) the 2007 Act,to Citizens Advice;
  - (d) to transfer certain functions of the National Consumer Council under—
    - (i) the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002**(8)**,
    - (ii) the Water Services etc (Scotland) Act 2005**(9)**, and
    - (iii) the Public Service Reform (Scotland) Act 2010**(10)**,to Citizens Advice Scotland;

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(1) 2000 c. 26; relevant amendments have been made by the Postal Services Act 2011.  
(2) 2011 c. 5; relevant amendments have been made to this Act by [S.I. 2013/783](#).  
(3) 1986 c. 44; relevant amendments have been made to this Act.  
(4) 1989 c. 29; relevant amendments have been made to this Act.  
(5) 2000 c. 27; relevant amendments have been made to this Act.  
(6) 2003 c. 21.  
(7) 2000 c. 31; relevant amendments have been made to this Act.  
(8) 2002 asp 3.  
(9) 2005 asp 3.  
(10) 2010 asp 8.

- (e) to transfer certain functions of the National Consumer Council under the 2007 Act to the GCCNI;
  - (f) to make consequential, supplementary incidental and transitional provision relating to the abolition of the National Consumer Council and the transfer of certain functions;
  - (g) to repeal the entry relating to the National Consumer Council in Schedule 1 to the Public Bodies Act 2011.
- (2) A function transferred under paragraph (1)(a) or (b) to Citizens Advice or Citizens Advice Scotland—
- (a) may be exercised by each of them jointly with the other;
  - (b) may be exercised on behalf of the one to which the function is transferred by the other of them, if they so agree.
- (3) The conferring of functions on Citizens Advice or Citizens Advice Scotland by or under this Order is without prejudice to the functions of Citizens Advice and Citizens Advice Scotland not so conferred.
- (4) A function transferred to the GCCNI under paragraph (1)(a) or (e) may be exercised by that body only in relation to consumer matters that relate to postal services in Northern Ireland.
- (5) In paragraph (4) “consumer matters” has the meaning given by section 3 of the 2007 Act.