EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

The obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (c. 36) ("the Act") apply to public authorities. Section 3(1) provides that a "public authority" includes a body or holder of any office which is listed in Schedule 1 to the Act. The Minister for the Cabinet Office may add bodies and office holders to Schedule 1 by an order under section 4(1), provided that the conditions in section 4(2) and (3) are satisfied. By section 4(6), an order under section 4(1) may relate to a specified person or office or to persons or offices falling within a specified description.

Article 2 and 3 of this Order adds the bodies and office holders listed in the Schedule to this Order to Part 2 and Part 6 of Schedule 1 to the Act.

An Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.