



2009 CHAPTER 8

Social security information

Provisions relating to sharing of social security information extended to the Department

11.—(1) This subsection applies to the following provisions of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8)—

- (a) sections 116C and 116D (supply of information to or by the Housing Executive);
- (b) Part 1 of Schedule 4 (persons employed in social security administration or adjudication).

(2) In the provisions to which subsection (1) applies—

- (a) references to the Housing Executive shall include references to the Department for the purposes of functions of the Department relating to the administration of housing benefit;
- (b) references to a person authorised to exercise any function of the Housing Executive relating to housing benefit shall include references to a person authorised to exercise any function of the Department relating to the administration of housing benefit.

(3) This subsection applies to the following provisions of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8)—

- (a) section 117(9) (unauthorised disclosure of information – definition of “the person responsible”);
- (b) Part 1 of Schedule 4 (persons employed in social security administration or adjudication).

(4) In the provisions to which subsection (3) applies references to the Department (within the meaning of that Act) shall include references to the Department (within the meaning of this Act) for the purposes of the functions mentioned in subsection (2)(a).

(5) The references to section 116C and section 116D of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 8) are to those sections as modified by paragraph 32 of Schedule 8 to the [Welfare Reform and Pensions \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1999 \(NI 11\)](#).