

## 1975 No. 154

## PENSIONS

**Pensions Increase (Prime Ministers and Speakers) Regulations  
(Northern Ireland) 1975**

*Made* . . . . . 28th May 1975

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 27th June 1975

The Department(a) of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 5(2)(3) and (4) of the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971(b) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

1. These regulations may be cited as the Pensions Increase (Prime Ministers and Speakers) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 and shall come into operation on 27th June 1975.

2. Subject to regulation 3, in relation to any period beginning on or after 1st December 1973 the Act shall have effect as if there were specified in Part I of Schedule 2 to the Act

a pension payable under section 15 of the Ministerial Salaries and Members' Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(c) (and for the purposes of the Act any such pension shall be deemed to have begun on 1st April 1965).

3. The provisions of the Act shall have effect in respect of any pension specified in regulation 2 so that any increase payable under the Act shall not exceed the amount by which the annual amount of such pension prior to such increase falls short of half of the annual amount for the time being of the pension specified in section 26(3) of the Parliamentary and Other Pensions Act 1972(d).

4. In relation to any period beginning on or after 1st December 1973 the Act shall have effect as if there were specified in Part I of Schedule 2 to the Act

the pension payable under Mr. Speaker Stronge's Retirement Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(e) (and for the purposes of the Act such pension shall be deemed to have begun on 1st April 1965)

the pension payable under Mr. Speaker Neill's Retirement (Northern Ireland) Order 1973(f).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance on 28th May 1975.

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(a) Formerly the Ministry of Finance: see 1973 c. 36.

(b) 1971 c. 35 (N.I.)

(c) 1965 c. 18 (N.I.)

(d) 1972 c. 48

(e) 1969 c. 11 (N.I.)

(f) S.I. 1973/1321 (N.I. 19)

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)*

These regulations apply the Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971 to the pensions of former Prime Ministers of Northern Ireland and to the pensions of former Speakers of the Northern Ireland House of Commons, which before the making of the regulations did not benefit from the arrangements for the annual review and increase of pensions authorised by that Act.

They also provide that the pensions of former Prime Ministers of Northern Ireland shall not be increased to more than half the pension payable to a Prime Minister of the United Kingdom on retirement.

The regulations are retrospective by virtue of section 5(4) of the Act.