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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

## Transfer of Functions: Criminal Injuries

ORDER, DATED 5TH MARCH 1973, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT UNDER SECTION 133(1) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1972.

The Ministry of Development on behalf of the Secretary of State and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 133(1) of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:—

*Citation*

1. This Order may be cited as the Local Government (Transfer of Functions) (Criminal Injuries) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973.

*Interpretation*

2. In this Order the expression “the Criminal Injuries Acts” means the Criminal Injuries Acts (Northern Ireland) 1956 to 1970(b).

*Transfer to Ministry of Home Affairs of functions of county councils under Criminal Injuries Acts*

3.—(1) The functions of county councils under the Criminal Injuries Acts are hereby as from the relevant date transferred to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(2) The relevant date for the purposes of paragraph (1) shall in relation to the council of the County Borough of Belfast be 1st April 1973 and in relation to any other council 1st October 1973.

(3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) shall apply to any function of a council in relation to proceedings under any of the enactments repealed by section 13 of and Schedule 2 to the Criminal Injuries to Persons (Compensation) Act (Northern Ireland) 1968(c) arising from any criminal injury to the person sustained before 1st March 1969 as they apply to the functions specified in paragraph (1).

(4) Nothing in this Order shall derogate from any other statutory provision applicable to the transfer of any asset or liability from a local authority to any person.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Development this 5th day of March 1973.

(L.S.)

J. Marsh,  
Assistant Secretary.

(a) 1972. c. 9 (N.I.).

(b) 1956. c. 19; 1957. c. 8; 1958. c. 11; 1964. c. 7 (N.I.); 1970. c. 26 (N.I.).

(c) 1968. c. 9 (N.I.).

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)*

This Order provides for the transfer to the Ministry of Home Affairs on and after the 1st April 1973 from the Council of the County Borough of Belfast of its functions in relation to the payment of compensation under the Criminal Injuries Acts.

The Order provides for the transfer to the Ministry on or after the 1st October 1973 of such functions from the Londonderry Development Commission and the Councils of Counties.

The functions referred to are those arising from applications for compensation arising from damage resulting from acts committed before 1st April 1973 (the date of commencement of the Criminal Injuries to Property (Compensation) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971).

Provision is also made for the transfer from the councils of any function in relation to proceedings for compensation for personal injury sustained before 1st March 1969 (the date of commencement of the Criminal Injuries to Persons (Compensation) Act (Northern Ireland) 1968).