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The Teachers' Superannuation (Scotland) Regulations 2005

PART H

FINANCE

Actuarial review

H2.—(1) The Government Actuary shall, from time to time, make an actuarial review on the position in relation to the account as at the date determined by the Scottish Ministers ("the review date").

(2) In making a determination for the purposes of paragraph (1) the Scottish Ministers shall secure that–

(a) the next review date is no later than 31st March 2006; and

(b) the review date for each subsequent report is no later than 5 years after the previous review date.

(3) The Government Actuary, with the agreement of the Scottish Ministers, shall specify the funding methodology to be used in making the actuarial review.

(4) Any determination in relation to an actuarial inquiry made by the Scottish Ministers under paragraph (1) before 1st October 2003 shall have effect as if it were a determination in relation to an actuarial review.

(5) The Government Actuary shall make a report on the review to the Scottish Ministers as soon as practicable after the review date and the Scottish Ministers shall lay the report before the Scottish Parliament.

(6) The report shall specify the standard contribution rate (expressed as a percentage) at which contributions should be paid during the period beginning and ending on days (following the date of the report) determined by the Scottish Ministers ("the relevant period").

(7) The report is to state the amount by which, at the review date, the value of the scheme assets exceeded or fell short of that of the scheme liabilities.

(8) Subjects to paragraph (9), the scheme assets and the scheme liabilities shall be determined in accordance with the funding methodology specified in paragraph (3).

(9) For the purposes of the actuarial review reporting on the position in relation to the account as at 31st March 2001, the value of the scheme assets shall equal the value of the scheme liabilities.

(10) If the report states that the value of the scheme liabilities exceeded that of the scheme assets, it is to specify a rate at which, during the relevant period, supplementary contributions should be paid by employers of persons in pensionable employment so as to remove the deficiency within the period of 15 years beginning on the first day of the relevant period.

(11) If the report states that the value of the scheme assets exceeded that of the scheme liabilities, it is to specify a rate at which, during the relevant period, the employers of persons in pensionable employment should receive a contribution rebate so as to remove the surplus within the period of 15 years beginning on the first day of the relevant period.

(12) The rate referred to in paragraphs (10) and (11) is to be expressed as a percentage of the contributable salaries from time to time of persons in pensionable employment; the percentage must be a multiple of 0.05.

(13) Any determination made by the Scottish Ministers for the purposes of this regulation shall be made with the consent of the Treasury.