STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Pensions Increase (Annual Review) Order 1976

Pension increases

3.—(1) The annual rate of an official pension may, if any qualifying condition is satisfied or the pension is a widow's pension, be increased by the pension authority in respect of any period beginning on or after 1st December 1976, as follows:—

- (a) a pension beginning on or before 1st July 1975 may be increased by 13.8 per cent. of the basic rate as increased by the amount of any increase under section 1 of the 1971 Act or under the existing Orders;
- (b) a pension beginning in the six months following 1st July 1975 may be increased by 19.2 per cent. of the basic rate.
- (c) a pension beginning in the six months following 1st January 1976 may be increased by 8.8 per cent. of the basic rate.

(2) For the purpose of showing the cumulative effect of the increases payable under section 1 of the 1971 Act, under the existing Orders and under paragraph (1) above, that section (as amended by section 3(3)(a) of the 1974 Act), with the effect of the existing Orders and paragraph (1) above incorporated in it, is set out in the Schedule to this Order.