

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Order transfers to the Lord Chancellor certain functions of the Secretary of State in Northern Ireland. Article 2 transfers his functions in respect of legal aid under sections 28(2)(a) and 37(3) of the Criminal Appeal (Northern Ireland) Act 1980, the Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 and subordinate legislation having effect as if made under that Order. The Schedule to this Order makes amendments consequential on this transfer. Article 3 transfers his functions under the Maintenance Orders (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1972, including his functions under that Act as applied by Orders in Council made under section 40 of that Act, so far as those functions relate to any matters concerning a court in Northern Ireland or a person residing or believed to reside there.