
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes provision consequent on the establishment of the Department of Health and the Department of Social Security and the entrusting to the Secretaries of State for those Departments of functions formerly carried out by the Secretary of State for Social Services.

It provides for the transfer from the Secretary of State for Social Services to each of those Secretaries of State of—

- (a) functions under certain enactments,
- (b) functions under various local Acts and instruments, and
- (c) property, rights and liabilities,

all of which relate to the functions entrusted to them on the establishment of their Departments (Articles 1 to 3 and Schedules 1 and 2).

Supplemental, consequential and ancillary provisions are contained in Articles 4 to 6 and Schedule 3.