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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2000 No. 2253**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND**

**The Audit Commission Act 1998 (Publication of Information as to Standards of Performance) (Variation) (England) Order 2000**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>17th August 2000</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>25th August 2000</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>15th September 2000</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 44(3) of the Audit Commission Act 1998<sup>(1)</sup> and all other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Audit Commission Act 1998 (Publication of Information as to Standards of Performance) (Variation) (England) Order 2000 and shall come into force on 15th September 2000.

**Variation of the period for publication of information as to standards of performance**

2.—(1) In section 44(2)(b) of the Audit Commission Act 1998 (period for publication of information as to standards of performance) after “nine months” there shall be inserted “or, in the case of a relevant body in England, seven months”.

(2) Accordingly, the latest time for the publication of information by a relevant body in England in accordance with section 44(2)(b) of the Audit Commission Act 1998 is immediately before the end of the period of seven months beginning with the end of the financial year in question.

**Application**

3. This Order applies in relation to—
- (a) relevant bodies in England; and
  - (b) the financial year ending with 31st March 2000 and subsequent financial years.

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(1) 1998 c. 18; The Secretary of State’s functions under section 44 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 are, so far as exercisable in relation to Wales, transferred to the National Assembly for Wales by article 2 of the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/672)—see the entry for the Audit Commission Act 1998 is listed in Schedule 1 to that Order.

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**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

17th August 2000

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the Regions

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order varies the period specified in section 44(2)(b) of the Audit Commission Act 1998, within which all relevant authorities in England must publish information relating to their activities in a financial year, in accordance with a direction given by the Audit Commission pursuant to section 44(1) of that Act. This Order reduces the period from 9 months to 7 months, beginning with the end of the financial year to which the information relates.