

**2002 No. 2623**

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**

**The Freedom of Information (Additional Public  
Authorities) Order 2002**

*Made* - - - - - *17th October 2002*

*Laid before Parliament* *21st October 2002*

*Coming into force* - - *11th November 2002*

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 4(1) and (6) and 7(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000<sup>(a)</sup>, and after consultation with the National Assembly for Wales and the First Minister and deputy First Minister in Northern Ireland in accordance with section 4(7) of that Act, makes the following Order:

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2002 and shall come into force on 11th November 2002.

(2) In this Order, “the Act” means the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

2. The bodies and offices listed in Schedule 1 to this Order shall be added to Part VI of Schedule 1 to the Act, at the appropriate place in each case.

3. The bodies and offices listed in Schedule 2 to this Order shall be added to Part VII of Schedule 1 to the Act, at the appropriate place in each case.

Signed by the authority of the Lord Chancellor

17th October 2002

*Yvette Cooper*  
Parliamentary Secretary  
Lord Chancellor’s Department

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(a) 2000 c. 36. The functions of the Secretary of State under sections 4 and 7 were transferred to the Lord Chancellor by the Transfer of Functions (Miscellaneous) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001/3500), which Order amended those sections accordingly.

## SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

### OTHER PUBLIC BODIES AND OFFICES: GENERAL

The Adjudication Panel for Wales.  
The All-Wales Medicines Strategy Group.  
The Care Council for Wales.  
The Certification Officer.  
The Children's Commissioner for Wales.  
The Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses.  
The Consumer Council for Postal Services.  
The Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority.  
The Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel, in relation to information held by it otherwise than as a tribunal.  
The Electoral Commission.  
The Gas and Electricity Consumer Council.  
The General Social Care Council.  
The General Teaching Council for Wales.  
The National Care Standards Commission.  
The National Council for Education and Training for Wales.  
Any Rail Passengers' Committee established under section 2(2) of the Railways Act 1993(a).  
The Standards Board for England.  
The Strategic Rail Authority.

## SCHEDULE 2

Article 3

### OTHER PUBLIC BODIES AND OFFICES: NORTHERN IRELAND

The Belfast Harbour Commissioners.  
The Certification Officer for Northern Ireland.  
The Londonderry Port and Harbour Commissioners.  
The Warrenpoint Harbour Authority.

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(a) 1993 c. 43. These bodies were formerly known as Rail Users' Consultative Committees, but were renamed by section 227(1) of the Transport Act 2000 (c. 38), and section 2(2) of the Railways Act 1993 was amended accordingly.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

The obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 apply to public authorities. For the purposes of the Act, a “public authority” means a body or office which is listed in Schedule 1 to the Act or designated by order under section 5, or a publicly-owned company as defined by section 6. The list in Schedule 1 to the Act may be added to by order under section 4(1).

Article 2 of this Order adds the bodies and offices listed in Schedule 1 to this Order to Part VI of Schedule 1 to the Act (Other Public Bodies and Offices: General).

Article 3 of this Order adds the bodies and offices listed in Schedule 2 to this Order to Part VII of Schedule 1 to the Act (Other Public Bodies and Offices: Northern Ireland).

The bodies and offices added to Schedule 1 to the Act by this Order are public bodies. There are no regulatory implications for businesses arising from this Order therefore a Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared.

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