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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2003 No. 2603**

**The Freedom of Information Act 2000  
(Commencement No. 3) Order 2003**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Commencement No. 3) Order 2003(1).

(2) In this Order—

“the Act” means the Freedom of Information Act 2000; and

“the publication scheme provisions” mean section 19(1) to 19(4) of the Act, insofar as it is not already in force(2).

**Commencement on 31st October 2003**

2. The publication scheme provisions shall come into force on 31st October 2003 for the following public authorities—

- (a) the public authorities listed in Part III of Schedule 1 to the Act;
- (b) the Distinction and Meritorious Service Awards Committee(3);
- (c) Invest Northern Ireland(4); and
- (d) The Northern Ireland Council for Postgraduate Medical and Dental Education(5).

**Commencement on 29th February 2004**

3. The publication scheme provisions shall come into force on 29th February 2004 for the following public authorities—

- (a) the public authorities listed in Part IV of Schedule 1 to the Act, except for those specified in paragraph 52(b)(6);
- (b) the public authorities listed in Schedule 1 to this Order; and
- (c) any publicly-owned company as defined in section 6 of the Act.

**Commencement on 30th June 2004**

4.—(1) The publication scheme provisions shall come into force on 30th June 2004 for all public authorities in respect of which those provisions have not been commenced elsewhere, with the exception of—

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- (1) Certain provisions of the Act came into force on Royal Assent (30th November 2000) by section 87(1), on 30th January 2001 by section 87(2), on 14th May 2001 by S.I.2001/1637 (c. 56), and on 12th November 2001 by S.I. 2002/2812 (c.86).
  - (2) By section 87(1)(b) of the Act, section 19 so far as relating to the approval of publication schemes is already in force.
  - (3) The Distinction and Meritorious Service Awards Committee is listed in Part VII of Schedule 1 to the Act.
  - (4) Invest Northern Ireland was added to Part VII of Schedule 1 to the Act by paragraph 21 of Schedule 1 to the Industrial Development Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 (2002 c. 1).
  - (5) The Northern Ireland Council for Postgraduate Medical and Dental Education is listed in Part VII of Schedule 1 to the Act.
  - (6) The governing body of a maintained nursery school, as defined by section 22(9) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (1998 c. 31). Section 215 and paragraph 127 of Schedule 21 to the Education Act 2002 (c. 32) amend Schedule 1 to the Act by inserting paragraph 52(b).

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- (a) that public authority listed in paragraph 17 of Schedule 1 to the Act<sup>(7)</sup>; and
- (b) the consultative Civic Forum referred to in section 56(4) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998<sup>(8)</sup>.

8th October 2003

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(7) A licensed planning committee constituted under section 119 of the Licensing Act 1964 (c. 26) (paragraph 17 of Schedule 1).  
(8) 1998 c. 47.