

**2007 No. 384**

**HOUSING, ENGLAND**

**The Housing (Right to Buy)(Service Charges)  
(Amendment)(England) Order 2007**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>13th February 2007</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>20th February 2007</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>26th March 2007</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 16D of Part 3 of Schedule 6 to the Housing Act 1985(a), makes the following Order:

**Citation, commencement and application**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Housing (Right to Buy)(Service Charges)(Amendment)(England) Order 2007 and shall come into force on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

(2) This Order applies in England only.

**Amendment of the Housing (Right to Buy)(Service Charges) Order 1986**

2. In Article 2 (interpretation) of the Housing (Right to Buy)(Service Charges) Order 1986(b), for the definition of “index figure” substitute—

““index figure” means an index figure, other than a provisional index figure, in the table of “Output Deflators for Direct Labour: Public Housing Repairs and Maintenance” in the “Quarterly building price and cost indices: public sector construction works” published by the Department for Trade and Industry,”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

13th February 2007

*Yvette Cooper*  
Minister of State  
Department for Communities and Local Government

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(a) 1985 c.68. Part 3 of Schedule 6 has been amended by the Housing and Planning Act 1986, section 24(2), (3), Schedule 5, Part II, para 41, Schedule 12, Part I. Paragraph 16D was inserted by section 4(4) and (6) of the Housing and Planning Act 1986. The Secretary of State’s functions under paragraph 16D, so far as exercisable in relation to Wales, were transferred to the National Assembly for Wales by the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999, (S.I. 1999/672) article 2 and Schedule 1. There are other amendments to Schedule 6 which are not relevant to this Order.

(b) S.I. 1986/2195.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

This Order amends the Housing (Right to Buy)(Service Charges) Order 1986 (“the principal Order”) which sets out the calculation for the inflation allowance to be added to a landlord’s estimate of the service charges payable by the tenant for repairs and major works in the initial period of a right to buy lease.

Article 2 of this Order amends the definition of “index figure” in Article 2 of the principal Order. This is necessary to reflect the fact that the relevant index is now published by the Department of Trade and Industry under the name “Output Deflators for Direct Labour: Public Housing Repairs and Maintenance” in the “Quarterly building price and cost indices: public sector construction works”.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the cost of businesses, charities or voluntary bodies.

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