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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order in Council is made under sections 1 and 2 of the Ministers of the Crown Act 1975. It makes provision in connection with the establishment of the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

The responsibilities entrusted to the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills were described in a press notice issued by the Prime Minister's Office on 5 June 2009, which was referred to in the Prime Minister's written statement to Parliament dated 18 June 2009: see Hansard (House of Commons) 18 June 2009 at column 452W, available at [www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk).

Article 3 provides for the incorporation of the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills as a corporation sole and provides for the authentication of the corporate seal and the execution and certification of documents.

Article 4 transfers to the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills the functions of the Secretary of State for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform and the Secretary of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills.

Articles 5 transfers to the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills the property, rights and liabilities of the Secretary of State for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform and the Secretary of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills. Articles 6 and 7 make other supplementary provision.

Article 8 and the Schedule to the Order make consequential amendments to Acts of Parliament and subordinate legislation.

Nothing in this Order alters the functions of the Welsh Ministers, the Scottish Ministers or the devolved authorities in Northern Ireland.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.