STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 109

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE

The Elections (Policy Development Grants Scheme) (Amendment) Order 2017

Made - - - -	*6th February 2017*
Laid before Parliament	*8th February 2017*
Coming into force - -	*6th March 2017*

The Minister for the Cabinet Office, in exercise of the power conferred by section 12(6) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000(**1**), makes the following Order, which gives effect to the recommendations submitted to him by the Electoral Commission for variations to the scheme for the making by the Commission of policy development grants.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Elections (Policy Development Grants Scheme) (Amendment) Order 2017 and comes into force on 6th March 2017.

(2) In this Order, "the Scheme" means the policy development grants scheme set out in the Schedule to the Elections (Policy Development Grants Scheme) Order 2006(**2**).

Amendments to the policy development grants scheme

2. The amendments to the Scheme set out in the Schedule have effect for the purpose of the making by the Electoral Commission of policy development grants on or after 1st April 2017.

Chris Skidmore
Minister for the Constitution
Cabinet Office

6th February 2017

(**1**) 2000 c. 41. The powers under section 12 are conferred on "the Secretary of State", which is defined under section 159A of the Act as meaning the Secretary of State or the Minister for the Cabinet Office. Section 159A of the Act was amended by the Transfer of Functions (Elections, Referendums, Third Sector and Information) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/997), article 3 and Schedule 1, and paragraph 15(b) of Schedule 2.

(**2**) S.I. 2006/602 as amended by S.I. 2014/556, S.I. 2015/302 and S.I. 2016/164.