*Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 25(10) of the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.*

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# 2004 No.

# GOVERNMENT RESOURCES AND ACCOUNTS

## The Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Audit of Public Bodies) Order 2004

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Whereas it appears to the Treasury that each of the Hearing Aid Council and the Sea Fish Industry Authority exercises functions of a public nature or is entirely or substantially funded from public money;

And whereas a draft of this Order has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament pursuant to section 25(10) of the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000(**1**);

Now, therefore, the Treasury, having consulted the Comptroller and Auditor General and in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 25(6) and (7) of the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000, hereby make the following Order:

### Citation and commencement

**1.** This Order may be cited as the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Audit of Public Bodies) Order 2004 and comes into force on 12th July 2004.

### The Hearing Aid Council

**2.**—(1) The accounts of the Hearing Aid Council that relate to financial years ending on or after 31st March 2004 shall be audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General.

(2) Accordingly, section 12 of the Hearing Aid Council Act 1968(**2**) (expenses, receipts and accounts of the Council) is amended as follows.

(3) In subsection (2), for the words from "the accounts" to the end substitute—

"shall send a copy of the accounts for a financial year to the Comptroller and Auditor General—

(a) in the case of accounts in respect of the financial year ending on 31st March 2004 as soon as reasonably practicable after 12th July 2004,

(**1**) 2000 c. 20.
(**2**) 1968 c. 50; section 12(3) was amended by S.I. 1991/1997, regulation 2 and paragraph 19 of the Schedule.