STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2012 No. 2

OFFICIAL STATISTICS

The Official Statistics Order (Northern Ireland) 2012

Made - - - - 5th January 2012
Affirmed by resolution of the Assembly on - - - - 21st February 2012

Coming into operation in accordance with Article 1

The Department of Finance and Personnel for Northern Ireland makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by 6 (1)(b) and (2) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007(**1**).

In accordance with section 6 (3) of that Act the Department of Finance and Personnel for Northern Ireland has consulted the Statistics Board(**2**).

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Official Statistics Order (Northern Ireland) 2012 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2012.

Interpretation

2. The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**3**) shall apply to this Order as it applies to an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Official Statistics - wholly Northern Ireland devolved official statistics

3. To the extent that they are not otherwise official statistics by virtue of section 6 (1)(a) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007, the wholly Northern Ireland devolved statistics(**4**) produced, or to be produced, by the persons listed in the Schedule to this Order are specified as official statistics for the purposes of section 6 (1)(b) of that Act.

(**1**) 2007 c.18.
(**2**) The Statistics Board is also known as the UK Statistics Authority.
(**3**) 1954 c.33(N.I.)
(**4**) "Northern Ireland devolved statistics" is defined in section 66 of the 2007 Statistics and Registration Act.