1974. No. 239 **[C]**

NORTHERN IRELAND DEPARTMENTS

Transfer of Functions and Adaptation of Enactments

ORDER, DATED 13TH SEPTEMBER 1974, MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE MINISTRIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1944.

WHEREAS by section 4 of the Ministries Act (Northern Ireland) 1944(**a**) it is provided that the chief executive member may, from time to time by order, assign to any department, or transfer to any department from any other department, such functions as appear to that member to be appropriate for such assignment or transfer; that each department shall have and may exercise such functions as may be specified by such an order; and that such an order may make such incidental, consequential and supplemental provisions as may be necessary or expedient for giving full effect to the Act, including provisions for such matters as are mentioned in section 4(2) of the Act:

AND WHEREAS by paragraph 2(1)(*b*) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974(**b**) it is provided that during the interim period within the meaning of that Act any functions of a person appointed under section 8 of the Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973(**c**) other than the head of a Northern Ireland department, may be discharged by the Secretary of State:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 4 of the Ministries Act (Northern Ireland) 1944 and paragraph 2(1)(*b*) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974 and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

Title

1. This Order may be cited as the Departments (Transfer of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1974.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"Department" includes the head of a Department;

"transferor" and "transferee" respectively mean, in relation to any functions transferred under this Order, the Department from which and the Department to which the functions are transferred;

"transfer date" means 30th September 1974;

"transferred provision" has the meaning assigned to it by section 1 of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**d**).

(a) 1944. c. 14.
(b) 1974. c. 28.
(c) 1973. c. 36.
(d) 1954. c. 33.