1973. No. 167 [C]

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Employment of Building Control Staff

ORDER, DATED 29TH MAY 1973, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT UNDER SECTION 41(8) AND (9) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1972.

WHEREAS the Ministry of Development has consulted the existing local authorities concerned with the employment of building control staff on the matter of the future employment of such staff:

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Development, following such consultation, is satisfied that it is expedient that an order should be made providing for the employment of building control staff by certain councils on behalf of groups of councils:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ministry of Development on behalf of the Secretary of State and in exercise of the powers conferred by section 41(8) and (9) of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972(**a**) hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Local Government (Employment of Building Control Staff) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"building control staff" means the officers appointed by councils to enforce building regulations and for the purposes of this Order includes a chief building control officer and the officers appointed to assist or support building control staff;

"employer council" means the council responsible for the employment of building control staff on behalf of a group;

"existing local authority" has the meaning assigned to it by section 131(4) of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972;

"group" means those councils on whose behalf building control staff are employed by an employer council;

"group committee" means a committee established for the purpose of consultation in accordance with Article 5.

Groups

3. For the purpose of the employment of building control staff the councils named in column 2 of the following Table shall be divided into the five groups shown in that column and such groups shall be known by the respective designations indicated in column 1 of that Table:—

(**a**) 1972. c. 9 (N.I.).

TABLE

Groups

Designation (Column 1)	*Constituent councils* (Column 2)
South-Eastern	Ards, Castlereagh, Down, Lisburn and North Down
North-Eastern	Antrim, Ballymena, Carrickfergus, Larne, Magherafelt and Newtownabbey
Southern	Armagh, Banbridge, Craigavon and Newry and Mourne
Western	Cookstown, Dungannon, Fermanagh, Omagh and Strabane
Northern	Ballymoney, Coleraine, Limavady, Londonderry and Moyle.

Employer councils

4.—(1) For the purpose of the employment of building control staff the councils named in column 2 of the following Table shall be the employer councils for the respective groups named in column 1 of that Table:—

TABLE

Employer Councils

Group (Column 1)	*Employer Council* (Column 2)
South-Eastern	Down
North-Eastern	Ballymena
Southern	Craigavon
Western	Omagh
Northern	Londonderry

(2) In each group the employer council shall employ all the building control staff necessary to discharge all the functions exercisable by building control staff in the districts of the councils in the group and such services as may be authorised under Article 9; and, subject to the provisions of this Order and the direction of the group committee, the employer council shall be responsible for all matters relating to the employment of such staff.