3. This Order may be cited as the Rate of Interest (Housing) Order (Northern Ireland), 1952.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this twenty-ninth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two in the presence of

(L.S.) *Ronald Green,*
Assistant Secretary.

Approved by the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 29th day of February, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two.

(L.S.) *John I. Cook,*
Second Secretary.

Subsidy Order

ORDER,* DATED 4TH JUNE, 1952, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER SECTION ONE OF THE HOUSING (No. 2) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1946.

1952. No. 97

The Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland (in this Order referred to as " the Ministry "), with the approval of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on the Ministry by section one of the Housing (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, and of every other power it thereunto enabling, hereby makes the following Order :—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Housing Subsidy Order (Northern Ireland), 1952.

(2) In this Order, unless the contrary intention appears, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them, that is to say :—

" Act of 1945 " means the Housing Act (Northern Ireland), 1945, and

" apartment " and " flat " have the meanings assigned to them by section thirty of the Act of 1945.

(3) For the purpose of determining the amount of the contribution payable

(*a*) a house of fewer than three apartments shall be deemed to be a house of three apartments ;

(*b*) a house of more than five apartments shall be deemed to be a house of five apartments ;

* The above Order was confirmed by Resolutions of the Senate and the House of Commons on the 17th day of June, 1952.

(*c*) a house forming part of a building of more than two storeys shall rank for the highest contribution in the appropriate category ; and

(*d*) the area of each house shall be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Second Schedule to this Order.

(4) The Interpretation Act, 1921, shall apply to the interpretation of this Order in like manner as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

General Contributions payable to and by local authorities

2. In respect of each new house of any of the three categories mentioned in the first column of the First Schedule to this Order completed between the first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-two and the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, inclusive, by a local authority in pursuance of a housing scheme approved by the Ministry under section one of the Act of 1945, the Ministry shall, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of the said section pay to the local authority sixty successive annual contributions of the amount specified in the third Column opposite the area of the house in such category in the second Column of the said Schedule and the local authority shall, in pursuance of section two of the Act of 1945, pay to the credit of their Housing Revenue Account in respect of each such house sixty successive annual contributions of the amount specified in the fourth Column of the said Schedule opposite such first mentioned amount.

Special provision as to hostels

3. Where a local authority, in accordance with a housing scheme approved by the Ministry, have provided accommodation for single workers in a hostel completed between the first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-two and the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, inclusive, then, subject to the local authority complying with such conditions, if any, as the Ministry may impose, each part of the hostel designed for separate occupation by such workers shall for the purposes of this Order be deemed to be a new house in respect of which sixty successive annual contributions are payable to and by a local authority under sections one and two of the Act of 1945, so, however, that the amount of the annual contribution payable by the Ministry to the local authority in respect of each such part shall be the sum of twenty pounds, and the amount of the annual contribution payable by the local authority to the credit of their Housing Revenue Account in respect of each such part shall be the sum of nine pounds.

Special provisions as to flats

4. Where housing accommodation is provided between the first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-two and the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, inclusive, by a council of a county borough in a block of flats, the whole or any part of which is of at least four storeys (inclusive of any storey constructed for use for purposes other than those of a dwelling), and expenditure has been incurred in installing lifts in the block of flats, the Ministry may, with the consent

of the Ministry of Finance, in respect of such number of the flats in the block of flats as it thinks fit, make for a period of sixty years an annual contribution of seven pounds in addition to any annual contribution payable under Article 2 of this Order and the county borough council shall in respect of each such further contribution paid to them by the Ministry pay to the credit of their Housing Revenue Account a sum equivalent to one-half of the amount thereof.

5. Where the Ministry is satisfied that by reason of the high cost of the provision by a local authority of housing accommodation in flats on a central site in a county borough, the total expenditure likely to be incurred by the local authority in providing such accommodation is substantially greater than the aggregate of the annual contributions payable to and by the local authority under Articles 2 and 4 of this Order, the Ministry may make to the local authority, in addition to the appropriate contribution under those Articles a further annual contribution for a period of sixty years of such amount, not exceeding twenty pounds in respect of each flat so provided, as the Ministry, with the consent of the Ministry of Finance, may determine, and the local authority shall in respect of each such further contribution so paid to them by the Ministry pay to the credit of their Housing Revenue Account a sum equivalent to one-half of the amount thereof.

6. Where a building provided by a local authority between the first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-two and the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, inclusive, for the accommodation of workers in pursuance of a housing scheme approved by the Ministry, is divided into self-contained flats each forming a complete residence, each such flat completed between the said dates shall, for the purposes of Article 2 of this Order, be deemed to be a new house in respect of which contributions are respectively payable under the said Article.

Increased contributions in respect of certain houses in rural areas

7. Where, in relation to any house built by a rural district council, the Ministry is satisfied that by reason of—

(i) the cost of the provision of the house ;
(ii) the rent which it will be practicable to obtain for the house when completed ;
(iii) the expenditure incurred or to be incurred by the rural district council under the Housing Acts ; and
(iv) the general financial resources of the council ;

increased financial assistance is necessary, the Ministry with the approval of the Ministry of Finance may, in addition to the appropriate contribution payable by it to the council under the provisions of Article 2 of this Order pay to the council sixty successive annual contributions of twelve pounds.