
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1999 No. 283

The Departments (Northern Ireland) Order 1999

Interpretation

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 shall apply to Article 1 and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(2) In this Order—

“department” means a Northern Ireland department;

“Minister”, in relation to a department, means—

(a) in the case of the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister, the First Minister and the deputy First Minister acting jointly;

(b) in the case of any other department, the Minister in charge of that department;

“statutory provision” has the meaning assigned to it by section 1(f) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954.

(3) References in this Order to a senior officer of a department are references to a person who is employed in that department and is—

(a) a member of the Northern Ireland senior civil service; or

(b) a member of the Northern Ireland civil service designated by the department as a senior officer for the purposes of this Order.

(4) If, and to the extent that, a determination under section 19 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 so provides, the functions exercisable under this Order by a senior officer of a department shall also be exercisable by a junior Minister; but nothing in this Order authorises a junior Minister to exercise functions otherwise than in accordance with the terms of such a determination.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Departments (Northern Ireland) Order 1999, Section 2.