

**1999 No. 782 (C. 24)**

**CONSTITUTIONAL LAW**  
**DEVOLUTION, WALES**

**The Government of Wales Act 1998 (Commencement No. 4)**  
**Order 1999**

Made - - - -

9th March 1999

The Secretary of State for Wales, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 158 of the Government of Wales Act 1998(a), hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the Government of Wales Act 1998 (Commencement No. 4) Order 1999.

2. The date of 1st April 1999 is appointed for the coming into force of the following provisions of the Government of Wales Act 1998—

Section 107 (Human rights).

Sections 116 to 118 (Welsh public records).

Schedule 7 paragraphs 1(1) and (2), 8 and (in so far as it relates to an examination under section 6 of the National Audit Act 1983(b) (economy etc. examinations)) 9(2) and section 105(5) so far as relating thereto. (Forestry Commissioners—separate exercise of functions in relation to Wales).

Schedule 10 paragraphs 1, 3(1) and (2), 4, 6, 7, 13, 14, 15(1)(2) and (4), and section 112 so far as relating thereto. (Amendments of Health Service Commissioners Act 1993).

Schedule 12 paragraphs 2 to 4, 7, 10 to 14, 15(1) and (2), 16, 20 to 30, 33 to 36 and section 125 so far as relating thereto. (Minor and consequential amendments).

Schedule 18 Part I in respect of the repeals in the Health Service Commissioners Act 1993 (but only the repeals in sections 2(2)(b) and 18(3)) and the Health Authorities Act 1995, and section 152 so far as relating thereto. (Repeals—Welsh Administration Ombudsman and Health Service Commissioner for Wales).

Schedule 18 Part II (except the reference to the General Teaching Council for Wales) and section 152 so far as relating thereto. (Repeals—Welsh Public Records).

9th March 1999

*Alun Michael*  
Secretary of State for Wales

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(a) 1998 c. 38.

(b) 1983 c. 44.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order brings into force on 1st April 1999 the following provisions of the Government of Wales Act 1998—

Section 107.

Sections 116 to 118.

Certain paragraphs of Schedule 7 and section 105(5) so far as relating thereto.

Certain paragraphs of Schedule 10 and section 112 so far as relating thereto.

Certain paragraphs of Schedule 12 and section 125 so far as relating thereto.

Schedule 18 Part I in respect of certain repeals and section 152 so far as relating thereto.

Schedule 18 Part II (except the reference to the General Teaching Council for Wales) and section 152 so far as relating thereto.

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

The following provisions of the Act have been brought into force by commencement order made before the date of this Order:

| <i>Provision</i>                       | <i>Date of Commencement</i> | <i>S.I. No</i> |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------|
| ss.1 to 49                             | 1.12.1998                   | 1998/2789      |
| ss.50 and 51 (in force from enactment) |                             |                |
| ss.52 to 103                           | 1.12.1998                   | 1999/2789      |
| s.106                                  | "                           | "              |
| ss.108 to 110                          | 1.12.1998                   | 1998/2789      |
| s.111(1)                               | 1.02.1999                   | 1999/118       |
| s.111(2) (partially)                   | "                           | "              |
| ss.113 to 115                          | 1.12.1998                   | 1998/2789      |
| ss.119 to 124                          | 1.12.1998                   | 1998/2789      |
| s.125 (partially)                      | 1.02.1999                   | 1999/118       |
| ss.126 to 129                          | 1.10.1998                   | 1998/2244      |
| s.130(1)–(3)                           | "                           | "              |
| s.130(4) and (5)                       | 2.09.1998                   | "              |
| s.131                                  | 1.10.1998                   | "              |
| s.132(1)                               | 2.09.1998                   |                |
| s.132(2)–(5)                           | 1.10.1998                   | "              |
| s.132(6)                               | 2.09.1998                   | "              |
| s.132(7)                               | 1.10.1998                   | "              |
| s.133(1) and (2)                       | "                           | "              |
| s.133(3) and (4)                       | 2.09.1998                   | "              |
| ss.134 and 135                         | 1.10.1998                   | "              |
| s.136(1)–(3)                           | "                           | "              |
| s.136(4) and (5)                       | 2.09.1998                   | "              |
| s.137                                  | 1.10.1998                   | "              |
| s.138(1)                               | 2.09.1998                   | "              |
| s.138(2)–(5)                           | 1.10.1998                   | "              |
| s.138(6)                               | 2.09.1998                   | "              |
| s.138(7)                               | 1.10.1998                   | "              |
| s.139(1) and (2)                       | "                           | "              |
| s.139(3) and (4)                       | 2.09.1998                   | "              |
| s.140(1)–(4)                           | 1.11.1998                   | "              |
| s.140(5) and (6)                       | 2.09.1998                   | "              |
| s.141                                  | 1.11.1998                   | "              |
| s.142(1)                               | 2.09.1998                   | "              |
| s.142(2)–(6)                           | 1.11.1998                   | "              |

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|---|-----------|-----------|
| s.142(7) and (8)                        | 2.09.1998 | "         |
| s.143(1) and (2)                        | 1.11.1998 | "         |
| s.143(3) and (4)                        | 2.09.1998 | "         |
| ss.144 to 149                           | 1.12.1998 | 1998/2789 |
| s.150                                   | 2.09.1998 | 1998/2244 |
| s.151 (in force from enactment)         |           |           |
| s.152 (partially)                       | 2.09.1998 | 1998/2244 |
|   | 1.10.1998 | "         |
|   | 1.11.1998 | "         |
|   | 1.02.1999 | 1999/118  |
| ss.153 to 159 (in force from enactment) |           |           |
| Sch. 1 to 5                             | 1.12.1998 | 1998/2789 |
| Sch. 8                                  | "         | "         |
| Sch. 9 Part I                           | 1.02.1999 | 1999/118  |
| Sch. 11                                 | 1.12.1998 | 1998/2789 |
| Sch. 12 paras. 1, 18, 19, 31 and 32     | 1.02.1999 | 1999/118  |
| Sch. 13 to 15                           | 1.10.1998 | 1998/2244 |
| Sch. 16                                 | 1.11.1998 | "         |
| Sch. 17                                 | 1.12.1998 | 1998/2789 |
| Sch. 18 Part I                          | 1.02.1999 | 1999/118  |
| (repeal in Finance Act 1989)            |           |           |
| Sch. 18 Parts III to V                  | 1.10.1998 | 1998/2244 |
| Sch. 18 Part VI                         | 1.11.1998 | "         |
| Sch. 18 Part VII                        | 2.09.1998 | "         |

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