This Statutory Instrument has made in consequence of a defect in SI 2006/1972 (C.67) and is being issued free of charge to all known recipients of that Statutory Instrument.

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2006 No. 2268 (C 77)

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ELECTORAL COMMISSION REGISTRATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES POLITICAL PARTIES NATIONAL ELECTION EXPENDITURE REFERENDUMS

The Electoral Administration Act 2006 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provisions) (Amendment) Order 2006

Made - - - - 17th August 2006

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 77(2), (3), (4) of the Electoral Administration Act 2006(1):

1. This Order may be cited as The Electoral Administration Act 2006 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provisions) (Amendment) Order 2006.

2. The Electoral Administration Act 2006 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2006(**2**) is amended in accordance with articles 3 and 4.

3. In Schedule 1 for paragraph 20 substitute—

"20. In relation to England and Wales and Scotland

(a) section 61 (Regulation of loans etc.), except so far as-

(i) it applies to minor parties within the meaning of section 160(1) of the 2000 Act(**3**);

^{(1) 2006} c. 22.

⁽²⁾ S.I. 2006/1972 (C. 67).

⁽³⁾ The reference is to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 c. 41; section 160(1) was amended by S.I. 2004/366.

- (ii) it provides, by subsection (1), for the insertion of section 71S(3) of the 2000 Act;
- (iii) it provides, by subsection (5), for the insertion of paragraphs 2(3) and 3(2) of Schedule 6A to the 2000 Act;
- (b) section 62 (Regulation of loans: power to make provision for candidates, third parties and referendums)."

4. In paragraph 25(m) of Schedule 1 after "and Scotland" insert ", except so far as they apply to minor parties within the meaning of section 160(1) of the 2000 Act, or the members or members associations of such parties".

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State

Date 17th August 2006

Bridget Prentice Parliamentary Under Secretary of State Department for Constitutional Affairs

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

The Electoral Administration Act 2006 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/1972 (C. 67)) provided for the provisions of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22) which relate to the regulation of loans to political parties, their members and members associations to commence on 11th September 2006. This Order amends that Order to provide that those provisions will not apply to minor parties, their members and members associations. Minor parties are parties that register under the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c. 41) in Great Britain, declaring under section 28(2)(d) of that Act that they intend only to contest one or more parish or community elections.