EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order in Council is made under section 1 of the Ministers of the Crown Act 1975.

Article 3 transfers to the Secretary of State certain statutory functions relating to the Registrar General for England and Wales.

Article 4 makes supplementary provision.

Article 5 and Schedule 2 make consequential amendments to enactments and instruments.

Nothing in this Order alters the functions of the Welsh Ministers, the Scottish Ministers or the devolved authorities in Northern Ireland.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sector is foreseen.