EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order in Council is made under sections 1 and 2 of the Ministers of the Crown Act 1975. It makes provision in connection with the transfer of functions from the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills to the Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport.

The responsibilities transferred to the Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport were set out in a Written Statement to Parliament dated 18 January 2011: see Hansard (House of Commons) 18 January 2011 at column 35-36WS, available at www.parliament.uk.

Article 3 and Schedule 1 transfer to the Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport certain functions of the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills.

Article 4 makes provision for the transfer of property, rights and liabilities in connection with the transfer of functions under article 3 and the entrusting of functions to the Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport. Article 5 makes supplementary provision.

Article 6 and Schedule 2 make consequential amendments to Acts of Parliament.

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 sectors is foreseen.