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Whereas, the Secretary of State for Social Security having made a review under section 150(1) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992(**a**), a draft of the following Order was laid before Parliament in accordance with the provisions of sections 150(2) and 190(1)(a) of that Act and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament;

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State for Social Security, with the consent of the Treasury(**b**), in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 150 and 189(1), (3) and (4) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

PART I INTRODUCTION

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1999.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3) of this article, this Order shall come into force for the purposes of -

- (a) articles 1, 2, 6, 22 and 27, on 1st April 1999;
- (b) article 8, in so far as it relates to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 1st April 1999, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Computation of Earnings Regulations;
- (c) articles 3 to 5, 7, 11, 12 and 13, on 12th April 1999;
- (d) article 9, on 6th April 1999;
- (e) article 10, on 4th April 1999;
- (f) articles 14 and 15, on 15th April 1999;
- (g) articles 16, 17 and 26, on 13th April 1999;
- (h) articles 18, 19 and 20, in so far as they relate to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 12th April 1999, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Income Support Regulations;
- (i) article 21, in relation to a case where rent is payable at intervals of a week or any multiple thereof, on 5th April 1999, and in relation to any other case, on 1st April 1999;
- (j) articles 23, 24 and 25, in so far as they relate to a particular beneficiary, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for that beneficiary on or after 12th April 1999, and for the purpose of this sub-paragraph, “benefit week” has the same meaning as in the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations.

(3) The increases made -

- (a) in the sums specified for rates or amounts of benefit under the Contributions and Benefits Act or the Pension Schemes Act; and
- (b) by article 23(c) of this Order in so far as it is relevant for the purposes referred to in article 6(11) of this Order,

shall take effect for each case on the date specified in relation to that case in article 6 of this Order.

(a) 1992 c. 5. Section 150 was amended by paragraph 28 of Schedule 8 to the Pension Schemes Act 1993 (c. 48), sections 2(3) and 9(4) of the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) Act 1994 (c. 18), paragraph 64 of Schedule 2 to the Jobseekers Act 1995 (c. 18) and section 131(2) of the Pensions Act 1995 (c. 26). See also section 4(8) of the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) Act 1994 and regulation 18(3) of the Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) (Transitional) Regulations 1995 (S.I.1995/310).

(b) See section 189(8) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c. 5).

Interpretation

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires -

“the Computation of Earnings Regulations” means the Social Security Benefit (Computation of Earnings) Regulations 1996(a);

“the Contributions and Benefits Act” means the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992(b);

“the Council Tax Benefit Regulations” means the Council Tax Benefit (General) Regulations 1992(c);

“the Disability Working Allowance Regulations” means the Disability Working Allowance (General) Regulations 1991(d);

“the Family Credit Regulations” means the Family Credit (General) Regulations 1987(e);

“the Housing Benefit Regulations” means the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations 1987(f);

“the Income Support Regulations” means the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987(g);

“the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations” means the Jobseeker’s Allowance Regulations 1996(h); and

“the Pension Schemes Act” means the Pension Schemes Act 1993(i).

PART II

SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS AND PENSIONS

Increase in rates or amounts of certain benefits under the Contributions and Benefits Act

3.—(1) The sums specified in paragraph (2) below shall be increased from and including the respective dates specified in article 6 below so as to have effect as set out in Schedule 1 to this Order.

(2) The sums mentioned in paragraph (1) above are the sums specified in Parts I, III, IV and V of Schedule 4 to the Contributions and Benefits Act (contributory periodical benefits, non-contributory periodical benefits, increases for dependants and rates of industrial injuries benefit), except in Part III the sum specified for age addition to a pension of any category, and otherwise under section 79 of that Act.

(a) S.I. 1996/2745.

(b) 1992 c. 4.

(c) S.I. 1992/1814; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1993/688 and 2118, 1994/1924, 1996/462, 1510, 1803, 2518 and 2545, 1998/470, 766 and 1541.

(d) S.I. 1991/2887; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1992/2155, 1993/2119, 1995/482 and 1339, 1996/2545 and 1998/470.

(e) S.I. 1987/1973; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1988/660, 1992/2155, 1993/2119, 1995/1339, 1996/2545 and 1998/470.

(f) S.I. 1987/1971; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1988/1444, 1989/416 and 1017, 1990/546 and 1775, 1991/1599, 1992/50 and 1326, 1993/2118, 1994/578, 1996/462, 1803, 2518 and 2545, 1997/1790 and 1998/470, 766 and 1541.

(g) S.I. 1987/1967; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1988/663, 910, 999, 1228, 1445 and 2022, 1989/534, 1034 and 1678, 1990/547, 1776 and 2324, 1992/50, 1326 and 3147, 1993/2119, 1994/527, 1995/516, 1613, 2287 and 2927, 1996/206, 1803, 2518, 2545 and 2431, 1997/2197 and 2604 and 1998/470.

(h) S.I. 1996/207; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1996/1516, 1517, 1803, 2518, 2538 and 2545 and 1998/470.

(i) 1993 c. 48.

Increase in rates or amounts of certain pensions or allowances under the Contributions and Benefits Act

4.—(1) The sums specified in paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) below shall be increased from and including the respective dates specified in article 6 below.

(2) The sums falling to be calculated under paragraph 13(4) of Schedule 7 to the Contributions and Benefits Act (calculation of weekly rate of a beneficiary's retirement allowance) shall be increased by 3.2 per cent. of their amount apart from this Order.

(3) In section 44(4) of the Contributions and Benefits Act(a) (basic pension in a Category A retirement pension) -

- (a) for the sum of £62.05 there shall be substituted the sum of £64.05; and
- (b) for the sum of £64.70 there shall be substituted the sum of £66.75.

(4) It is hereby directed(b) that the sums which are -

- (a) the additional pensions in long-term benefits calculated by reference to any final relevant year earlier than the tax year 1998-99;
- (b) the increases in the rates of retirement pensions under Schedule 5 to the Contributions and Benefits Act(c) (increase of pension where entitlement is deferred); and
- (c) payable to a pensioner as part of his Category A or Category B retirement pension by virtue of an order made under section 126A of the Social Security Act 1975(d), section 63 of the Social Security Act 1986(e) or section 150(1)(e) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992(f),

shall in each case be increased by 3.2 per cent. of their amount apart from this Order.

Increase in rates or amounts of certain benefits under the Pension Schemes Act

5.—(1) It is hereby directed(g) that the sums specified in paragraph (2) below shall be increased from and including the respective dates specified in article 6 below.

(2) Sums which are payable by virtue of section 15(1) of the Pension Schemes Act (which provides for increases in a person's guaranteed minimum pension if payment of his occupational pension is postponed after he attains pensionable age) to a person who is also entitled to a Category A or Category B retirement pension (including sums payable by virtue of section 17(2) and (3) of that Act), shall be increased by -

- (a) 3.2 per cent. of their amount apart from this Order where the increase under section 15(1) is attributable to earnings factors for the tax year 1987-88 and earlier tax years(h); and

(a) Section 44(4) was amended by paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) Act 1994 (c. 18) and section 68 of the Social Security Act 1998 (c. 14).

(b) See section 151(1) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992.

(c) Schedule 5 was amended by the Pension Schemes Act 1993 (c. 48), Schedule 8, paragraph 42; the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) Act 1994, Schedule 1, paragraph 40; and the Pensions Act 1995, Schedule 4, paragraph 21 and Schedule 7.

(d) 1975 c. 14; section 126A was inserted by section 12 of the Social Security Act 1979 (c. 18) and repealed by the Social Security Act 1986, section 86, Schedule 11.

(e) 1986 c. 50. Section 63 was repealed by Schedule 1 to the Social Security (Consequential Provisions) Act 1992 (c. 6).

(f) 1992 c. 5.

(g) See section 151(2) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992.

(h) See section 151(4) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992. Under section 151(4) where an increment under section 15(1) of the Pension Schemes Act is increased by an order under section 109 of that Act, the increase that would otherwise fall to be made by this Order is reduced by the amount of the increase under section 109. Section 109 of the Pension Schemes Act was amended by section 55 of the Pensions Act 1995 (c. 26). The Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/192) provides for an increase of 3 per cent. where the increase under section 15(1) is attributable to the tax years 1988-89 and subsequent tax years up to and including 1996-97.

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- (b) 0.2 per cent. of their amount apart from this Order where the increase under section 15(1) is attributable to earnings factors for the tax years 1988-89 to 1996-97 inclusive.

Dates on which sums specified for rates or amounts of benefit under the Contributions and Benefits Act or the Pension Schemes Act are increased by this Order

6. —(1) Paragraphs (2) to (9) of this article, which are subject to the provisions of paragraphs (10) and (11) below, specify the date on which the increases made by this Order in the sums specified for rates or amounts of benefit under the Contributions and Benefits Act or the Pension Schemes Act, shall take effect for each case.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3) below, the increases in the sums mentioned in articles 3, 4 and 11 of this Order for Category A and Category B retirement pension and graduated retirement benefit together with, where appropriate, increases for dependants, shall take effect on 12th April 1999.

(3) In the case of a person over pensionable age whose entitlement to a Category A retirement pension is deferred and for whom the rate of short-term incapacity benefit falls to be calculated in accordance with section 30B(3) of the Contributions and Benefits Act(a), the increases in the sums mentioned in articles 3, 4 and 11 of this Order for Category A and Category B retirement pension and graduated retirement benefit together with, where appropriate, increases for dependants, shall take effect on 15th April 1999.

(4) The increases in the sums mentioned in articles 4(4)(c) and 5(2) shall take effect on 12th April 1999.

(5) The increases in the sums specified for the rate of maternity allowance, widowed mother's allowance, widow's pension, Category C and Category D retirement pension, child's special allowance(b), attendance allowance, invalid care allowance (except in a case where the Secretary of State has made arrangements for it to be paid on a Wednesday), together with, in each case where appropriate, increases for dependants, and guardian's allowance shall in all cases take effect on 12th April 1999.

(6) The increases in the sums specified for the rate of invalid care allowance in a case where the Secretary of State has made arrangements for it to be paid on a Wednesday together with, where appropriate, increases for dependants, disablement benefit together with increases of disablement pension, maximum disablement gratuity under paragraph 9(2) of Schedule 7 to the Contributions and Benefits Act, industrial death benefit by way of widow's and widower's pension and allowance in respect of children together with, where appropriate, increases for dependants, and the maximum of the aggregate of weekly benefit payable for successive accidents, under section 107(1) of the Contributions and Benefits Act, shall in all cases take effect on 14th April 1999.

(7) In any case where a person's weekly rate of Category A or Category B retirement pension falls to be increased under the provisions of section 47(1) or 48C(2) of the Contributions and Benefits Act(c) by reference to the weekly rate of invalidity allowance or age addition to long-term incapacity benefit to which he was previously entitled, the increase in such sum shall take effect on 12th April 1999.

(8) The increases in the sums specified for the rate of incapacity benefit and severe disablement allowance (together with, where appropriate, increases for dependants) shall take effect in all cases on 15th April 1999.

(9) The increases in the sums falling to be calculated in accordance with paragraph 13(4) of Schedule 7 to the Contributions and Benefits Act (retirement allowance) shall take effect on 14th April 1999.

(a) Section 30B was inserted by section 2(1) of the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) Act 1994 (c.18) and amended by paragraph 21(3) of Schedule 4 to the Pensions Act 1995 (c.2).
 (b) Child's special allowance was abolished except for existing beneficiaries as from 6th April 1987 (see section 56 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992).
 (c) Section 47(1) was amended by paragraph 13 of Schedule 1 to the Social Security (Incapacity for Work) Act 1994 (c.18); section 48C was inserted by paragraph 3 of Schedule 4 to the Pensions Act 1995 (c.26).

(10) In the case of a person who is subject to the provisions of regulations made under section 73(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992(a) (adjustment of benefit for persons undergoing medical or other treatment as an in-patient in a hospital) the increase in the sum mentioned in article 4(3)(b) of this Order shall take effect in that case on the day on which the increase in the benefit payable to him apart from those regulations takes effect.

(11) The increases in the sums specified in articles 3 and 23(c) of this Order, in so far as those sums are relevant for the purposes of establishing whether the rate of any benefit is not to be increased in respect of an adult dependant because the earnings of the dependant exceed a specified amount(b), shall take effect -

- (a) except in a case where sub-paragraph (b) below applies, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for the beneficiary on or after 12th April 1999;
- (b) in a case where regulation 7(b) of the Computation of Earnings Regulations (date on which earnings are treated as paid) applies, on the first day of the first benefit week to commence for the beneficiary on or after 1st April 1999,

and for the purposes of this paragraph "benefit week" has the same meaning as in regulation 2(1) of the Computation of Earnings Regulations.

Increase in rates of certain workmen's compensation and industrial diseases benefits in respect of employment before 5th July 1948

7. In Schedule 8 to the Contributions and Benefits Act the sum of £38.70 referred to in paragraph 2(6)(c) (maximum weekly rate of lesser incapacity allowance supplementing workmen's compensation) and paragraph 6(2)(b) (industrial diseases benefit schemes: weekly rate of allowance payable where disablement is not total) shall be increased; and from and including 14th April 1999 for that sum in paragraph 2(6)(c), and from and including 15th April 1999 for that sum in paragraph 6(2)(b), there shall be substituted the sum of £39.95.

Earnings Limits

8. In section 80(4) of the Contributions and Benefits Act (earnings limits in respect of child dependency increases) -

- (a) for the sum of £140.00 in both places where it occurs there shall be substituted the sum of £145.00; and
- (b) for the sum of £18.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £19.00.

Statutory Sick Pay

9. In section 157(1) of the Contributions and Benefits Act (rate of payment of statutory sick pay) for the sum of £57.70 there shall be substituted the sum of £59.55.

Statutory Maternity Pay

10. In regulation 6 of the Statutory Maternity Pay (General) Regulations 1986(c) (lower rate of statutory maternity pay) for the sum of £57.70 there shall be substituted the sum of £59.55.

(a) Section 73(1) was amended by paragraph 49 of Schedule 2 to the Jobseekers Act 1995 (c.18).

(b) See sections 82(3)(a), 83(2)(b) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992, regulations 8 and 10(2) of, and paragraph 7 of Schedule 2 to, the Social Security Benefit (Dependency) Regulations 1977 (S.I. 1977/343) and regulation 10 of the Social Security (Incapacity Benefit—Increases for Dependants) Regulations 1994 (S.I. 1994/2945). Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1984/1698 and 1699, 1989/523 and 1642, 1992/3041, 1994/2945 and 1996/1345.

(c) S.I. 1986/1960; relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1998/470.

Increase in rate of graduated retirement benefit

11.—(1) In the National Insurance Act 1965(a) the sum of 8.40 pence referred to in section 36(1) (graduated retirement benefit) shall be increased by 3.2 per cent.; and from and including 12th April 1998 the reference in that provision to that sum shall have effect as a reference to 8.67 pence.

(2) The sums which are the increases of graduated retirement benefit under Schedule 2 to the Social Security (Graduated Retirement Benefit) (No. 2) Regulations 1978(b) (increases for deferred retirement) shall be increased by 3.2 per cent. of their amount apart from this Order.

(3) The sums which are the additions under section 37(1) of the National Insurance Act 1965 (additions for widows and widowers) shall be increased by 3.2 per cent. of their amount apart from this Order.

Increase in rates of Disability Living Allowance

12. In regulation 4 of the Social Security (Disability Living Allowance) Regulations 1991(c) (rate of benefit) -

- (a) in paragraph (1)(a), for the sum of £51.30 there shall be substituted the sum of £52.95;
- (b) in paragraph (1)(b), for the sum of £34.30 there shall be substituted the sum of £35.40;
- (c) in paragraph (1)(c), for the sum of £13.60 there shall be substituted the sum of £14.05;
- (d) in paragraph (2)(a), for the sum of £35.85 there shall be substituted the sum of £37.00; and
- (e) in paragraph (2)(b), for the sum of £13.60 there shall be substituted the sum of £14.05.

Sums specified for child benefit

13. In regulation 2(1) of the Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) Regulations 1976(d) (weekly rates of child benefit) -

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a)(i), for the sum of £11.45 there shall be substituted the sum of £14.40;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (a)(ii), the sum specified is £17.10; and
- (c) in sub-paragraph (b), for the sum of £9.30 there shall be substituted the sum of £9.60.

Increase in rates of age addition to long-term incapacity benefit

14. In the Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) Regulations 1994(e), in regulation 10(2) -

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a), for the sum of £13.60 there shall be substituted the sum of £14.05; and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b), for the sum of £6.80 there shall be substituted the sum of £7.05.

(a) 1965 c. 51. Sections 36 and 37 were repealed by the Social Security Act 1973 (c. 38) but are continued in force by regulation 3 of the Social Security (Graduated Retirement Benefit) (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I. 1978/393), in the modified form set out in Schedule 1 to those Regulations; relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1989/1642. See also regulation 2 of those Regulations, which was substituted by S.I. 1995/2606.

(b) S.I. 1978/393; relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1989/1642.

(c) S.I. 1991/2890; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1993/1939 and 1998/470.

(d) S.I. 1976/1267; see the Child Benefit and Social Security (Fixing and Adjustment of Rates) (Amendment) Regulations 1998 (S.I. 1998/1581) which revoked regulation 2(1)(a)(ii) of S.I. 1976/1267 and made transitional and saving provisions. Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1977/1328, 1991/502, 1996/1803, 1998/470, and 1998/1581.

(e) S.I. 1994/2946; relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1998/470.

Increase in rates of transitional invalidity allowance in long-term incapacity benefit cases

15. In the Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) (Transitional) Regulations 1995(a), in regulation 18(2) -

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a), for the sum of £13.60 there shall be substituted the sum of £14.05;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b), for the sum of £8.60 there shall be substituted the sum of £8.90; and
- (c) in sub-paragraph (c), for the sum of £4.30 there shall be substituted the sum of £4.45.

PART III**FAMILY CREDIT, DISABILITY WORKING ALLOWANCE, INCOME SUPPORT, HOUSING BENEFIT AND COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT****Family Credit**

16. In the Family Credit Regulations -

- (a) in regulation 46(4) (determination of appropriate maximum family credit) the capital sum prescribed is £3,000;
- (b) in regulation 46(4), (5) and (6), the amount specified for the credit in respect of a child or young person is NIL;
- (c) in regulation 47(1)(b) (applicable amount), for the sum of £79.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £80.65; and
- (d) in Schedule 4 (determination of maximum family credit), the sums prescribed shall be as set out in Schedule 2 to this Order.

Disability Working Allowance

17. In the Disability Working Allowance Regulations -

- (a) in regulation 51(4) (determination of appropriate maximum disability working allowance) the capital sum prescribed is £3,000;
- (b) in regulation 51(4), (5) and (6), the amount specified for the allowance in respect of a child or young person is NIL;
- (c) in regulation 52(1)(c) (applicable amount) -
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (a), for the sum of £59.25 there shall be substituted the sum of £60.50;
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (b), for the sum of £79.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £80.65; and
- (d) in Schedule 5 (determination of appropriate maximum disability working allowance) the sums prescribed shall be as set out in Schedule 3 to this Order.

Applicable amounts for Income Support

18.—(1) The sums relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount as specified in the Income Support Regulations shall be the sums set out in the following provisions of this article and Schedules 4 to 8 to this Order; and for this purpose references in this article to a numbered regulation or Schedule are, unless the context otherwise requires, references to a regulation of, or a Schedule to, the Income Support Regulations bearing that number.

(2) In regulations 17(1)(b), 18(1)(c), 21(1) and 71(1)(a)(ii), (b)(ii) and (iii), (c)(ii) and (d)(i), in paragraph 14(a) of Part III of Schedule 2, and in paragraph 1(2) of Part I of Schedule 4, the sum specified is in each case £3,000.

(a) S.I. 1995/310; relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1998/470.

(b) Relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1992/2155.

(c) Relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1992/2155.

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(3) The sums specified in Part I of Schedule 2 (applicable amounts: personal allowances) shall be as set out in Schedule 4 to this Order.

(4) In paragraph 3 of Part II of Schedule 2(a) (applicable amounts: family premium) -

- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) the sum specified is £15.75; and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (1)(b) for the sum of £11.05 there shall be substituted the sum of £13.90.

(5) The sums specified in Part IV of Schedule 2 (applicable amounts: weekly amounts of premiums) shall be as set out in Schedule 5 to this Order.

(6) In paragraph 18 of Schedule 3(b) (housing costs: non-dependant deductions) -

- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) for the sum of £45.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £46.35;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (1)(b) for the sum of £7.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £7.20;
- (c) in sub-paragraph (2)(a) for the sum of £78.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £80.00;
- (d) in sub-paragraph (2)(b) for the sum of
 - (i) £78.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £80.00,
 - (ii) £116.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £118.00, and
 - (iii) £16.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £16.50;
- (e) in sub-paragraph (2)(c) for the sum of
 - (i) £116.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £118.00,
 - (ii) £152.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £155.00, and
 - (iii) £22.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £22.65;
- (f) in sub-paragraph (2)(d) for the sum of
 - (i) £152.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £155.00,
 - (ii) £200.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £204.00,
 - (iii) £36.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £37.10;
- (g) in sub-paragraph (2)(e) for the sum of
 - (i) £200.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £204.00,
 - (ii) £250.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £255.00,
 - (iii) £41.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £42.25.

(7) In paragraph 6(2) of Schedule 4, for the sum of £247.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £252.00 and, subject to paragraph (2) of this article, those other sums relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount which are specified in Schedule 4 (applicable amounts of persons in residential care and nursing homes) shall be as set out in Schedule 6 to this Order.

(8) Those sums relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount which are specified in Schedule 7 (applicable amounts in special cases) shall be as set out in Schedule 7 to this Order.

(9) The sums specified in any provision of the Income Support Regulations set out in column (1) of Schedule 8 to this Order are the sums set out in column (2) of that Schedule.

(a) Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1996/1803, 1997/1790 and 1998/766.

(b) Schedule 3 was substituted by S.I. 1995/1613; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1995/2927 and 1996/2518.

Income Support Transitional Protection

19. Sums which are special transitional additions to income support payable in accordance with regulation 15 of the Income Support (Transitional) Regulations 1987(a) shall be increased by 2.1 per cent. of their amount apart from this Order.

The Relevant Sum for Income Support

20. In section 126(7) of the Contributions and Benefits Act(b) (trade disputes: the relevant sum) the substituted sum is £27.50.

Housing Benefit

21.—(1) As from a date determined in accordance with article 1 of this Order, the sums relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount as specified in the Housing Benefit Regulations shall be the sums set out in the following provisions of this article and Schedules 9 and 10 to this Order; and for this purpose references in this article to a numbered regulation or Schedule are, unless the context otherwise requires, references to a regulation of, or a Schedule to, the Housing Benefit Regulations bearing that number.

(2) In regulations 16(b), 17(c) and paragraph 14(a) of Part III of Schedule 2 (applicable amounts), the sum specified is in each case £3,000.

(3) In regulation 18(1)(c) (patients) -

- (a) in sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (d)(ii), for the sum of £16.20 there shall be substituted the sum of £16.70 in each case;
- (b) in sub-paragraphs (c)(i) and (d)(i), for the sum of £12.95 there shall be substituted the sum of £13.35 in each case; and
- (c) in sub-paragraph (c)(ii), for the sum of £32.40 there shall be substituted the sum of £33.40.

(4) In regulation 63(d) (non-dependant deductions) -

- (a) in paragraph (1)(a) for the sum of £45.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £46.35;
- (b) in paragraph (1)(b) for the sum of £7.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £7.20;
- (c) in paragraph (2)(a) for the sum of £78.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £80.00;
- (d) in paragraph (2)(b) for the sum of
 - (i) £78.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £80.00,
 - (ii) £116.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £118.00,
 - (iii) £16.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £16.50;
- (e) in paragraph (2)(c) for the sum of
 - (i) £116.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £118.00,
 - (ii) £152.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £155.00,
 - (iii) £22.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £22.65;
- (f) in paragraph (2)(d) for the sum of
 - (i) £152.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £155.00,

(a) S.I. 1987/1969; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1988/521 and 670, 1989/1626 and 1991/1600.

(b) See section 126(8) of the Contributions and Benefits Act.

(c) Relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1996/1803.

(d) Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1990/546, 1992/50 and 1996/2518.

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- (ii) £200.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £204.00,
- (iii) £36.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £37.10; and
- (g) in paragraph (2)(e) for the sum of
 - (i) £200.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £204.00,
 - (ii) £250.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £255.00,
 - (iii) £41.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £42.25.

(5) In paragraph 1A of Part I of Schedule 1(a) (ineligible service charges), for the sums of £17.95, £17.95, £9.05, £11.95, £11.95, £6.00 and £2.15 there shall be substituted the sums of £18.35, £18.35, £9.25, £12.20, £12.20, £6.15 and £2.20 respectively.

(6) The sums specified in Part I of Schedule 2 (applicable amounts: personal allowances) shall be as set out in Schedule 9 to this Order.

(7) In paragraph 3 of Part II of Schedule 2(b) (applicable amounts: family premium) -

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a) the sum specified is £22.05; and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b) for the sum of £11.05 there shall be substituted the sum of £13.90.

(8) The sums specified in Part IV of Schedule 2 (applicable amounts: premiums) shall be as set out in Schedule 10 to this Order.

Council Tax Benefit

22. - (1) The sums relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount as specified in the Council Tax Benefit Regulations shall be the sums set out in the following provisions of this article and Schedules 11 and 12 to this Order; and for this purpose references in this article to a numbered regulation or Schedule are, unless the context otherwise requires, references to a regulation of, or a Schedule to, the Council Tax Benefit Regulations bearing that number.

(2) In regulations 8(b), 9(c) and paragraph 15(a) of Part III of Schedule 1 (applicable amounts), the sum specified is in each case £3,000.

(3) In regulation 10(1)(c)(patients) -

- (a) in sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (d)(ii), for the sum of £16.20 there shall be substituted the sum of £16.70 in each case;
- (b) in sub-paragraphs (c)(i) and (d)(i), for the sum of £12.95 there shall be substituted the sum of £13.35 in each case; and
- (c) in sub-paragraph (c)(ii), for the sum of £32.40 there shall be substituted the sum of £33.40.

(4) In regulation 52(d) (non-dependant deductions) -

- (a) in paragraph (1)(a) for the sum of £6.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £6.50;
- (b) in paragraph (1)(b) for the sum of £2.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £2.15;
- (c) in paragraph (2)(a) for the sum of £116.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £118.00;
- (d) in paragraph (2)(b) for the sum of
 - (i) £116.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £118.00,

(a) Paragraph 1A was inserted by S.I. 1988/1444 and amended by S.I. 1989/416 and 1997/65.

(b) Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1996/1803 and 1998/766.

(c) Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1993/688 and 1996/1803.

(d) Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1996/2518 and 1998/470.

- (ii) £200.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £204.00,
- (iii) £4.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £4.30; and
- (e) in paragraph (2)(c) for the sum of
 - (i) £200.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £204.00,
 - (ii) £250.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £255.00,
 - (iii) £5.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £5.40.

(5) The sums specified in Part I of Schedule 1 (applicable amounts: personal allowances) shall be as set out in Schedule 11 to this Order.

- (6) In paragraph 3 of Part II of Schedule 1 (a) (applicable amounts: family premium) -
- (a) in sub-paragraph (a) the sum specified is £22.05; and
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (b) for the sum of £11.05 there shall be substituted the sum of £13.90.

(7) The sums specified in Part IV of Schedule 1 (applicable amounts: premiums) shall be as set out in Schedule 12 to this Order.

- (8) In paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 (amount of alternative maximum council tax benefit) -
- (a) in sub-paragraph (2)(b)(i) for the sum of £116.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £118.00;
 - (b) in sub-paragraph (2)(b)(ii) for the sums of £116.00 and £152.00 there shall be substituted the sums of £118.00 and £155.00 respectively.

PART IV JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE

Increase in age-related amounts of contribution-based Jobseeker's Allowance

23. In regulation 79(1) of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations (weekly amounts of contribution-based jobseeker's allowance) -

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a) for the sum of £30.30 there shall be substituted the sum of £30.95;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b) for the sum of £39.85 there shall be substituted the sum of £40.70; and
- (c) in sub-paragraph (c) for the sum of £50.35 there shall be substituted the sum of £51.40.

Applicable amounts for Jobseeker's Allowance

24.—(1) The sums relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount as specified in the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations shall be the sums set out in the following provisions of this article and Schedules 13 to 17 to this Order; and for this purpose references in this article to a numbered regulation or Schedule are, unless the context otherwise requires, references to a regulation of, or a Schedule to, the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations bearing that number.

(2) In regulations 83(b), 84(1)(c), 85(1) and 148(1)(a)(ii), (b)(ii) and (iii), (c)(ii) and (d)(i), in paragraph 16(a) of Part III of Schedule 1, and in paragraph 1(2) of Schedule 4, the sum specified is in each case £3,000.

(3) The sums specified in Part I of Schedule 1 (applicable amounts: personal allowances) shall be as set out in Schedule 13 to this Order.

(a) Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1996/1803, 1997/1790 and 1998/766.

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(4) In paragraph 4 of Part II of Schedule 1(a) (applicable amounts: family premium) -

- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) the sum specified is £15.75; and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (1)(b) for the sum £11.05 there shall be substituted the sum of £13.90.

(5) The sums specified in Part IV of Schedule 1 (applicable amounts: weekly amounts of premiums) shall be as set out in Schedule 14 to this Order.

(6) In paragraph 17 of Schedule 2(b) (housing costs: non-dependant deductions) -

- (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a) for the sum of £45.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £46.35;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (1)(b) for the sum of £7.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £7.20;
- (c) in sub-paragraph (2)(a) for the sum of £78.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £80.00;
- (d) in sub-paragraph (2)(b) for the sum of
 - (i) £78.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £80.00,
 - (ii) £116.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £118.00,
 - (iii) £16.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £16.50;
- (e) in sub-paragraph (2)(c) for the sum of
 - (i) £116.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £118.00,
 - (ii) £152.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £155.00,
 - (iii) £22.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £22.65;
- (f) in sub-paragraph (2)(d) for the sum of
 - (i) £152.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £155.00,
 - (ii) £200.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £204.00,
 - (iii) £36.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £37.10; and
- (g) in sub-paragraph (2)(e) for the sum of
 - (i) £200.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £204.00,
 - (ii) £250.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £255.00,
 - (iii) £41.00 there shall be substituted the sum of £42.25.

(7) Subject to paragraph (2) of this article, those sums relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount which are specified in Schedule 4 (applicable amounts of persons in residential care and nursing homes) shall be as set out in Schedule 15 to this Order.

(8) Those sums relevant to the calculation of an applicable amount which are specified in Schedule 5 (applicable amounts in special cases) shall be as set out in Schedule 16 to this Order.

(9) The sums specified in any provision of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations set out in column (1) of Schedule 17 to this Order are the sums set out in column (2) of that Schedule.

The Prescribed Sum for Jobseeker's Allowance

25. In regulation 172 of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations(c) (trade disputes: prescribed sum) the substituted sum is £27.50.

(a) Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1996/1803 and 1998/766.

(b) Relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1996/2518.

(c) See section 15(6) and (7) of the Jobseekers Act 1995 (c. 18).

PART V
TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND REVOCATION

Transitional Provisions

26. Notwithstanding the increases of the sums payable in respect of family credit and disability working allowance made by articles 16 and 17 of this Order, where a period of entitlement to family credit or disability working allowance is running at 13th April 1999, the rate at which it is payable shall be the weekly rate in force for the period prior to 13th April 1999 until the end of the period of entitlement.

Revocation

27. The Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1998(a) is hereby revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Security.

2nd February 1999

Stephen C. Timms
Minister of State,
Department of Social Security

We consent,

Clive J. C. Betts
Bob Ainsworth

4th February 1999 Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

[Schedule 1 sets out Schedule 4 to the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 as amended by this Order.]

[Schedule 2 sets out Schedule 4 to the Family Credit (General) Regulations (S.I. 1987/1973) as amended by this Order.]

[Schedule 3 sets out Schedule 5 to the Disability Working Allowance (General) Regulations 1991 (S.I. 1991/2887) as amended by this Order.]

[Schedule 4 sets out paras 1,2 and 2A(1) of Schedule 2 to the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987 (S.I.1987/1967) as amended by this Order.]

[Schedule 5 sets out Part IV (ie para 15) of Schedule 2 to the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987 (S.I.1987/1967) as amended by this Order.]

SCHEDULE 6

Article 18(7)

**INCOME SUPPORT: APPLICABLE AMOUNTS OF PERSONS IN
RESIDENTIAL CARE AND NURSING HOMES**

[Part 1 of Schedule 6 sets out paragraphs 6(1), 7, 11(1) and 13 of Schedule 4 to the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987 (S.I. 1987/1967) as amended by this Order.]

(a) S.I. 1998/470.

PART II
OTHER SUMS SPECIFIED IN SCHEDULE 4 TO
THE INCOME SUPPORT REGULATIONS

<i>Paragraph in Schedule 4</i>	<i>Specified sum</i>
2(2)(b)(i) increases for meals	daily £1.102
(2)(b)(ii) increases for meals	daily £1.55
2(2)(b)(iii) increases for meals	daily £1.55

SCHEDULE 7 *Article 18(8)*
INCOME SUPPORT: APPLICABLE AMOUNTS IN
SPECIAL CASES

[Part 1 of Schedule 7 sets out paragraphs 1-3, 10A-10C, 13-13A and 18 of Schedule 7 to the Income Support (General) Regulations 1987 (S.I. 1987/1967) as amended by this Order]

PART II
OTHER SUMS SPECIFIED IN SCHEDULE 7 TO THE
INCOME SUPPORT REGULATIONS

<i>Paragraph in Schedule 7</i>	<i>Specified Sum</i>
7. Members of religious orders	Nil
8. Prisoners	Nil
13A.(a) Polish Resettlement	(3)(a) for the claimant, £17.35; b) for his partner, £17.35; c) for a young person aged 18, £15.55.
13B.(b) Polish Resettlement: persons temporarily absent from accommodation	80 per cent
16.(c) Persons temporarily absent from a residential care or a nursing home	80 per cent
17. Persons from abroad	Nil

(a) Paragraph 13A was inserted by S.I. 1989/1678; relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1995/516.

(b) Paragraph 13B was inserted by S.I. 1994/2139.

(c) Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1989/534 and 1993/2119.

SCHEDULE 8

Article 18(9)

OTHER APPLICABLE AMOUNTS SPECIFIED IN THE
INCOME SUPPORT REGULATIONS

<i>Provision in Income Support Regulations</i>	<i>Specified Sum</i>
Regulations 22A(1)(a)	Applicable amount to be reduced by a sum equivalent to 20 per cent. of the specified amount.
Regulation 71(1)(a)(i)(b)	90 per cent. of the amount applicable or, as the case may be, of the reduced amount
Regulation 71(1)(b)(i)	90 per cent. of the amount of the allowance for personal expenses or, as the case may be, of the reduced amount.
Regulation 71(1)(c)(i)	98 per cent. of the applicable amount for persons in residential accommodation.
Regulation 71(1)(d)	90 per cent. of the applicable amount.
Schedule 3(c), paragraph 5(3)	The relevant fraction of the applicable amount is the amount calculated by the formula $\frac{A}{A + B}$
Schedule 3, paragraph 6(1)(b)(d).	Half the amount which would fall to be met by applying the provisions of subparagraph (a).
Schedule 3, paragraph 6(1)(c)	Nil.
Schedule 3, paragraph 7(8)	100 per cent. of eligible interest.
Schedule 3, paragraph 8(1)(b)	Nil.
Schedule 3, paragraph 10(1)	The weekly amount of housing costs is the amount calculated by the formula $\frac{A \times B \times C}{52}$
Schedule 3, paragraph 11(5)	£100,000

(a) Regulation 22A was inserted by S.I. 1996/206.

(b) Relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1988/663, 1992/3147, 1993/2119 and 1996/206.

(c) Schedule 3 was substituted by S.I. 1995/1613.

(d) Relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1995/2927.

Schedule 3, paragraph 11 (7)(a) The alternative appropriate amount shall be calculated using the formula

$$P \times Q$$

Schedule 3, paragraph 11(11)(a) The qualifying portion of a loan shall be determined by the formula

$$\frac{R \times S}{T}$$

Schedule 3, paragraph 12(1)(a)(b) 8.65 per cent.

Schedule 3, paragraph 12(2) and (3) 5 per cent.

[Schedule 9 sets out Part 1 (ie, paras. 1 and 2) of Schedule 2 to the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations 1987 (S.I. 1987/1971) as amended by this Order]

[Schedule 10 sets out Part IV (ie, para. 15) of Schedule 2 to the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations 1987 (S.I. 1987/1971) as amended by this Order.]

[Schedule 11 sets out Part I (ie, paras. 1 and 2) of Schedule 1 to the Council Tax Benefit (General) Regulations 1992 (S.I. 1992/1814) as amended by this Order.]

[Schedule 12 sets out Part IV (ie, para. 19) of Schedule 1 to the Council Tax Benefit (General) Regulations 1992 (S.I. 1992/1814) as amended by this Order.]

[Schedule 13 sets out Part I (ie, paras. 1-3) of Schedule 1 to the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996 (S.I. 1996/207) as amended by this order.]

[Schedule 14 sets out Part IV (ie, para. 20) of Schedule 1 to the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996 (S.I. 1996/207) as amended by this order.]

SCHEDULE 15

Article 24(7)

JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE: APPLICABLE AMOUNTS OF PERSON IN RESIDENTIAL CARE AND NURSING HOMES

[Part I of Schedule 15 sets out paras. 5, 6, 9 and 11 of Schedule 4 to the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996 (S.I. 1996/207) as amended by this Order.]

(a) Paragraph 11(11) was inserted by S.I. 1995/2927.

(b) Relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1998/2878.

PART II**OTHER SUMS SPECIFIED IN SCHEDULE 4 TO
THE JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE REGULATIONS**

<i>Paragraph in Schedule 4</i>	<i>Specified sum</i>
2(2)(b)(i) increases for meals	daily £1.10
2(2)(b)(ii) increases for meals	daily £1.55
2(2)(b)(iii) increases for meals	daily £1.55

SCHEDULE 16*Article 24(8)***JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE: APPLICABLE AMOUNTS
IN SPECIAL CASES**

[Part 1 of Schedule 16 sets out paras. 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 15 and 17 of Schedule 5 to the Jobseekers Allowance Regulations 1996 (S.I. 1996/207) as amended by this Order.]

PART II**OTHER SUMS SPECIFIED IN SCHEDULE 5 TO THE
JOBSEEKER'S ALLOWANCE REGULATIONS**

<i>Paragraph in Schedule 5</i>	<i>Specified Sum</i>
4. Members of religious orders	Nil
14. Persons from abroad	Nil
16. Persons temporarily absent from a hostel, residential care or nursing home	80 per cent

SCHEDULE 17*Article 24(9)***OTHER APPLICABLE AMOUNTS SPECIFIED IN THE OTHER JOBSEEKER'S
ALLOWANCE REGULATIONS**

<i>Provision in Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations</i>	<i>Specified Sum</i>
Regulation 145(1)(a)	Weekly applicable amount to be reduced by a sum equivalent to 40 per cent. or, as the case may be, 20 per cent. of the specified amount.

(a) Relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1996/1516.

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Regulation 148(1)(a)(i)	90 per cent. of the amount applicable or, as the case may be, of the reduced applicable amount.
Regulation 148(1)(b)(i)	90 per cent. of the amount of the allowance for personal expenses or, as the case may be, of the reduced amount.
Regulation 148(1)(c)(i)	98 per cent. of the applicable amount for persons in residential accommodation.
Regulation 148(1)(d)	90 per cent. of the applicable amount.
Schedule 2, paragraph 5(3)	The relevant fraction of the applicable amount is the amount calculated by the formula $\frac{A}{A + B}$
Schedule 2, paragraph 6(1)(b)	Half the amount which would fall to be met by applying the provisions of subparagraph (a).
Schedule 2, paragraph 6(1)(c)	Nil.
Schedule 2, paragraph 7(1)(b)	Nil.
Schedule 2, paragraph 9(1)	The weekly amount of housing costs is the amount calculated by the formula $\frac{A \times B \times C}{52}$
Schedule 2, paragraph 10(4)	£100,000.
Schedule 2, paragraph 10(6)(a)	The alternative appropriate amount shall be calculated using the formula $P \times Q$
Schedule 2, paragraph 10(10)	The qualifying portion of a loan shall be determined by the formula $\frac{R \times S}{T}$
Schedule 2, paragraph 11(2) and (3)(a)	5 per cent.

(a) Relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1996/1517.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order is made as a consequence of a review under section 150 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (“the Administration Act”) and includes details of the sums mentioned in that section.

Part I of the Order relates to the citation, commencement and interpretation.

Part II of the Order relates to non-income related benefits other than jobseeker’s allowance.

Article 3 and Schedule 1 alter the benefits and increases of benefits (except the over 80 age addition) specified in Parts I, III, IV and V of Schedule 4 to the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (“the Contributions and Benefits Act”).

Article 4 increases the rates and amounts of certain pensions and allowances under the Contributions and Benefits Act.

Article 5 increases the sums payable as part of a Category A or Category B retirement pension under sections 15(1) and 17(2) and (3) of the Pension Schemes Act 1993 (“the Pension Schemes Act”) on account of increases in guaranteed minimum pensions.

Article 6 specifies the dates from which the sums specified for rates or amounts of benefit under the Contributions and Benefits Act or the Pension Schemes Act are altered.

Article 7 increases the rates of certain workmen’s compensation and industrial injuries benefits in respect of employment before 5th July 1948.

Article 8 specifies earnings limits for child dependency increases.

Article 9 increases the weekly rate of statutory sick pay.

Article 10 increases the lower rate of statutory maternity pay.

Article 11 increases the rate of graduated retirement benefit.

Article 12 increases the rates of disability living allowance.

Article 13 increases the weekly rates of child benefit, except the rate payable in respect of an only, elder or eldest child of a lone parent.

Article 14 increases the weekly rates of age addition to long-term incapacity benefit.

Article 15 increases the weekly rates of transitional invalidity allowance in long-term incapacity benefit cases.

Part III of the Order relates to family credit, disability working allowance, income support, housing benefit and council tax benefit.

Article 16 and Schedule 2 specify the applicable amount for family credit and the amount of the credits for an adult, child or young person which determines a family’s maximum family credit.

Article 17 and Schedule 3 specify the applicable amount for disability working allowance and the amount of allowance for an adult, child or young person which determines the appropriate maximum disability working allowance.

Article 18 states the amount of sums relevant to the applicable amount for the purposes of income support. Article 18(3) and Schedule 4 set out the personal allowances; article 18(4) and (5) and Schedule 5 set out the premiums; article 18(7) and Schedule 6 set out the amounts relevant to beneficiaries in residential care and nursing homes; article 18(8) and Schedule 7 set out the amounts relevant to special cases; and article 18(9) and Schedule 8 set out other miscellaneous amounts.

Article 19 provides for the percentage increase of sums payable by way of special transitional additions to income support.

Article 20 states the sum by which any income support of a person involved in a trade dispute is reduced.

Article 21 states the amount of the sums relevant for the purposes of housing benefit. Article 21(6) and Schedule 9 set out the personal allowances and article 21(8) and Schedule 10 set out the premiums.

Article 22 states the amount of the sums relevant for the purposes of council tax benefit. Article 22(5) and Schedule 11 set out the personal allowances and article 22(6) and (7) and Schedule 12 set out the premiums.

Part IV of the Order relates to jobseeker's allowance.

Article 23 increases the age-related amounts of contribution-based jobseeker's allowance.

Article 24 states the amount of sums relevant to the applicable amount for the purposes of income-based jobseeker's allowance. Article 24(3) and Schedule 13 set out the personal allowances; article 24(4) and (5) and Schedule 14 set out the premiums; article 24(7) and Schedule 15 set out the amounts relevant to beneficiaries in residential care and nursing homes; article 24(8) and Schedule 16 set out the amounts relevant to special cases; and article 24(9) and Schedule 17 set out other miscellaneous amounts.

Article 25 states the sum by which any jobseeker's allowance of a person involved in a trade dispute is reduced.

Part V of the Order relates to transitional provisions and revocation.

Article 26 contains transitional provisions relating to family credit and disability working allowance.

Article 27 revokes the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 1998 (S.I. 1998/470).

In accordance with section 150(8) of the Administration Act, a copy of the report of the Government Actuary (Cm. 4199) giving his opinion on the likely effect on the National Insurance Fund of the making of this Order was laid before Parliament with the draft Order.

An assessment of the cost to business of applying the statutory sick pay and statutory maternity pay provisions of this Order has been placed in the library of both Houses of Parliament. Copies can be obtained by post from the Department of Social Security, Public Enquiry Office, 1st Floor, Adelphi, 1-11 John Adam Street, London WC2N 6HT: telephone number 0171 712 2171.

Correction:

The figure on page 17, line 1, column 2 (widower's pension: weekly rate) should be £66.75 and not £66.25.

This mistake is rectified in The Social Security Benefits Up-rating (No. 2) Order 1999.