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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Welfare Reform Act 2009 (Commencement No. 4) Order 2011

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8th March 2011

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 61(3) and (4) of the Welfare Reform Act 2009(a).

Citation and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Welfare Reform Act 2009 (Commencement No. 4) Order 2011.

(2) In this Order—

“the Act” means the Welfare Reform Act 2009;

“the 1995 Act” means the Jobseekers Act 1995(b).

Appointed day

2. 9th March 2011 is the day appointed for the coming into force of the following provisions of the Act—

- (a) section 32(1) (contracting out functions under the 1995 Act) in so far as is necessary for the purposes of paragraphs (b) and (c) of this article;
- (b) section 32(2), but only in so far as it confers power to make regulations under section 20E(3) of the 1995 Act (contracting out) in relation to the functions of the Secretary of State under regulations under section 17A (schemes for assisting persons to obtain employment: “work for your benefit” schemes etc.) of the 1995 Act; and
- (c) section 32(2) in so far as it relates to section 20E(4) to (12) of the 1995 Act, but only in so far as those provisions apply in connection with or for the purposes of regulations under section 20E(3) of the 1995 Act in relation to the functions of the Secretary of State under regulations under section 17A of the 1995 Act.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

8th March 2011

Chris Grayling
Minister of State,
Department for Work and Pensions

(a) 2009 c. 24.

(b) 1995 c. 18.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into force the following provisions of the Welfare Reform Act 2009—

- (a) section 32(1) (contracting out functions under the Jobseekers Act 1995), in so far as it relates to certain provisions in section 32(2) below, and
- (b) section 32(2) (contracting out), in so far as it is necessary in relation to regulations to enable the Secretary of State's functions under regulations under section 17A of the Jobseekers Act 1995 (schemes for assisting persons to obtain employment: "work for your benefit" schemes etc.) to be exercised by other persons.

Section 32(1) amends the Jobseekers Act 1995 and section 32(2) inserts a new section 20E into that Act. Section 20E of the Jobseekers Act 1995 allows the Secretary of State to make regulations which enable persons to be authorised to exercise functions of the Secretary of State.

A full impact assessment has not been published for this instrument as it has no impact on the private sectors and civil society organisations.

[See Annex 2 at page 2.7802 for details of earlier commencements.]