Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 166(10A) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2008 No. 0000

SOCIAL SECURITY, NORTHERN IRELAND

The Guardian's Allowance Up-rating (Northern Ireland) Order 2008

Made - - - -	*2008*
Coming into force - -	*7th April 2008*

As a result of carrying out a review in Great Britain of the sums specified in section 150(1)(a)(i) (rates of benefits, etc.) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (**a**) ("the Great Britain Administration Act"), the Treasury have determined that the general level of prices was higher at the end of the period under review than it was at the beginning (**b**).

Section 132(1) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (**c**) ("the Northern Ireland Administration Act") provides that, whenever the Treasury make an Order under section 150 of the Great Britain Administration Act, they may make corresponding provision in respect of Northern Ireland.

A draft of the following Order was laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament pursuant to section 166(10A) of the Northern Ireland Administration Act(**d**).

Accordingly, the Treasury make this Order in the exercise of the powers conferred by sections 132(1) and 165(4) of that Act and now vested in them (**e**).

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Guardian's Allowance Up-rating (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 and shall come into force on 7th April 2008.

(**a**) 1992 (c.5).
(**b**) The functions of the Secretary of State in respect of guardian's allowance under Part 10 of the Act which are relevant to the making of this Order were transferred to the Treasury by section 49(3) of the Tax Credits Act 2002 (c.21) ("the 2002 Act").
(**c**) 1992 (c.8).
(**d**) Subsection (10A) was inserted by paragraph 50(4) of Schedule 3 to the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/671) and amended by paragraph 11(3) of Schedule 4 to the 2002 Act.
(**e**) The functions of the Department for Social Development in respect of guardian's allowance under section 132 of the Act which are relevant to the making of this Order were transferred to the Treasury by section 49(4) of the 2002 Act.

Amendment of Schedule 4 to the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992

2. In paragraph 5 of Part III of Schedule 4 to the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (**a**) (amount of guardian's allowance) for "£12.95" substitute "£13.45".

2008 Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

(**a**) 1992 (c.7). This paragraph was last amended by Article 2 of S.I.2007/1055.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order is made by the Treasury under section 132 of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 as the consequence of a review, conducted by them under section 150 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992, of the general level of prices.

The amounts in this Order were last amended by the Guardian's Allowance Up-rating (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (S.I.2007/1055). The amounts referred to in that Order are superseded by the amounts referred to in this Order.

Article 2 increases the weekly rate of guardian's allowance prescribed in paragraph 5 of Part III of Schedule 4 to the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 from £12.95 to £13.45.

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

Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 166(10A) of the Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland) Act 1992, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2008 No. 0000

SOCIAL SECURITY, NORTHERN IRELAND

The Guardian's Allowance Up-rating (Northern Ireland) Order 2008

£3.00

© Crown copyright 2008

Printed and published in the UK by The Stationery Office Limited
under the authority and superintendence of Carol Tullo, Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office and Queen's Printer of Acts of Parliament.

E1959 2/2008 181959T 19585