EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Fair Employment (Specification of Public Authorities) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland)

SR 2012 No.96

1. Introduction

1.1 This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister to accompany The Fair Employment (Specification of Public Authorities)(Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012 which is laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly.

1.2 The Order is made under the powers conferred by Articles 50 and 51 of the Fair Employment and Treatment (Northern Ireland) Order 1998.

2. Purpose

2. The Order substitutes the Schedule to The Fair Employment (Specification of Public Authorities) Order (Northern Ireland) 2004 with a new Schedule to ensure that those bodies, to whom the Fair Employment and Treatment (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 applies, are up to date. The Order also revokes The Fair Employment (Specification of Public Authorities) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2009.

3. Background

3.1 Each year OFMDFM checks with all other Government departments about whether any new public bodies have been created, or wound up over the preceding year.

3.2 OFMDFM then makes a new Order, which substitutes the Schedule to the Fair Employment (Specification of Public Authorities) Order (Northern Ireland) 2004. The new Order also revokes the previous Order, in this case The Fair Employment (Specification of Public Authorities)(Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2009.

4. Consultation

4. Consultation has taken place with the ECNI.

5. Regulatory Impact

5 Not required.

6. Equality Impact

6 Not required

7. Financial Implications

7. None.

8. Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

8. The Regulations are fully compatible with the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

9. EU Implications

9. None

10. Parity or Replicatory Measure

10. Not applicable.

11. Additional Information

11. Not applicable.