STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1983 No. 4

HOUSING, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Grants by Local Authorities (Repairs Grants for Airey Houses) Order 1983

Made - - - -	*6th January* 1983
Laid before Parliament	*17th January* 1983
Coming into Operation	*14th February* 1983

The Secretary of State for the Environment, as respects England, and the Secretary of State for Wales, as respects Wales, in exercise of powers conferred on them by sections 71(3A) and (3B) and 128 of the Housing Act 1974(**a**) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, and with the consent of the Treasury, hereby make the following order:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Grants by Local Authorities (Repairs Grants for Airey Houses) Order 1983 and shall come into operation on 14th February 1983.

(2) In this order "the Act" means the Housing Act 1974.

Application

2. This order applies to applications for repairs grants made to local authorities (in accordance with the provisions of Part VII of the Act) in respect of houses or flats built in the Airey Duo-Slab 2 system.

Meaning of old dwelling

3. For the purposes of section 71(3A)(*a*) of the Act, the expression "old dwelling" means, in relation to an application to which this order applies, a dwelling which is, or forms part of, a building which was erected before 31st December 1963.

Rateable value limits

4. For the purposes of section 71(3A)(*b*) of the Act the following rateable value limits are hereby specified in relation to an application to which this order applies:—

(a) in relation to dwellings in Greater London, £400; and

(b) in relation to dwellings elsewhere, £275.

(**a**) 1974 c. 44; section 71(3A) and (3B) was inserted by paragraph 12 of Schedule 12 to the Housing Act 1980 (c. 51) and section 128 was amended by paragraph 30 of Schedule 25 to that Act.

Michael R. D. Heseltine,
Secretary of State for the Environment.

22nd December 1982.

Nicholas Edwards,
Secretary of State for Wales.

22nd December 1982.

We consent,

Geoffrey Howe,
John Selwyn Gummer,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

6th January 1983.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

Repairs grants under sections 71 and 72 of the Housing Act 1974 (as amended by section 107 of and Schedule 12 to the Housing Act 1980 are available only in respect of "old dwellings" within any meaning given to that expression by an order made by the Secretary of State. Meaning is given to that expression by the Grants by Local Authorities (Repairs) Order 1982 (S.I. 1982/1205).

Article 3 of this order gives a different meaning to the expression where an application is made for a repairs grant in respect of a flat or house built in the Airey Duo-Slab 2 system ("an Airey House"). In relation to such an application, an old dwelling is one erected before 31st December 1963.

Except in housing action areas, repairs grants are available to owner-occupiers only for dwellings within limits of rateable values specified by order. In relation to an application for a repairs grant in respect of an Airey House, article 4 of this order specifies a limit of £400 for Greater London (which is the limit already specified for Greater London in S.I. 1982/1205) and £275 elsewhere (as opposed to £225 specified in S.I. 1982/1205).

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