1981 No. 157

HOUSING

Housing (Improvement Grants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1981

Made . . . . . *20th May 1981*

Coming into operation . . . *1st July 1981*

To be laid before Parliament under paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Articles 65(2) and 72(5) of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a) (in this Order referred to as "the Order") and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Housing (Improvement Grants) Order (Northern Ireland) 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1981.

Repairs element in improvement grant

2. For the purposes of Article 72(2) of the Order, 70 per cent. is hereby specified as the percentage of the estimated expense allowable for works of repair and replacement where the house is, or is to be provided by the conversion of a house which is, in need of works of repair of a substantial and structural character.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 20th May 1981.

(L.S.) *J. Kirk*

Assistant Secretary

(a) S.I. 1981/156 (N.I. 3)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

Under Article 72(2) of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981, the element of the estimated expense of works, to be carried out with the assistance of an improvement grant, which may consist of works of repair and replacement shall be not more than 50 per cent. By Article 2 of this Order a higher percentage — 70 per cent. — is specified where the grant application relates to a house in need of works of repair of a substantial and structural character.