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HOUSING

Housing Subsidy Order

ORDER*, DATED 5TH APRIL 1968, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE HOUSING (NO. 2) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1946.

The Ministry of Development (in this Order referred to as "the Ministry") with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred on the Ministry by section 1 of the Housing (No. 2) Act (Northern Ireland) 1946(a), and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and Interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Housing Subsidy (Services) Order (Northern Ireland) 1968, and shall be construed as one with the Housing Subsidy Order (Northern Ireland) 1956(b) (in this Order referred to as "the principal Order").

(2) In this Order the term "standard amenity" shall have the same meaning as in the Housing Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(c).

Contributions payable to and by local authorities

2.—(1) In addition to any contributions payable under the principal Order in respect of a house built by a local authority on or after 1st January 1946 and before 1st January 1960, there shall be paid in respect of the provision in that house of the standard amenities specified in column 1 of the Schedule the relevant single contributions specified in columns 2 and 3 of that Schedule.

(2) The additional contributions mentioned in paragraph (1) shall, subject to the provisions of Article 3, be paid only where—

(*a*) the amenity had not already been provided when the house was built;

(*b*) proposals for the work have been submitted to and approved by the Ministry before the work is commenced; and

(*c*) the work has been executed to the satisfaction of the Ministry.

3. Where in providing a standard amenity part of the cost incurred in executing the works is attributable to replacement of the whole of any other standard amenity the appropriate contributions in columns 2 and 3 of the Schedule shall also be paid in respect of that other amenity where the Ministry is satisfied that it would not have been reasonably practicable to avoid the replacement.

(a) 1946. c. 20. (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1956, No. 187. (c) 1967. c. 34 (N.I.).

*This Order was confirmed by Resolution of the House of Commons on the 23rd day of May 1968 and of the Senate on the 28th day of May 1968.

Revocation of Order

4. The Housing Subsidy (Services) Order (Northern Ireland) 1965(**d**) is hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Development for Northern Ireland this 5th day of April 1968.

(L.S.) *W. K. Fitzsimmons,*
Minister of Development.

The Ministry of Finance hereby approves the foregoing Order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 11th day of April 1968.

(L.S.) *H. V. Kirk,*
Minister of Finance.

(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965, No. 201.

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SCHEDULE

Amount of contributions payable under Article 2

1. Standard Amenity	2. Amount of contribution payable by Ministry to a local authority		3. Amount of contribution payable by local authority to credit of their Housing Revenue Account	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
A fixed bath or shower	18 15 0		6 5 0	
A wash-hand basin	3 15 0		1 5 0	
A water closet in, and accessible from within, the house or, if that is not reasonably practicable, in such a position in the curtilage of the house as to be readily accessible from the house	30 0 0		10 0 0	
A hot and cold water supply to a fixed bath or shower	26 5 0	or $\frac{3}{8}$ths of the cost incurred in providing the standard amenity, whichever is the lesser.	8 15 0	or $\frac{1}{8}$th of the cost incurred in providing the standard amenity, whichever is the lesser.
A hot and cold water supply to a wash-hand basin	11 5 0		3 15 0	
A hot and cold water supply to a sink	18 15 0		6 5 0	
A bathroom by the building of a new structure or the conversion of out-buildings attached to the house if, before the Ministry approves an application in that behalf, it is satisfied that it is not reasonably practicable to provide the bathroom in any other way.				
A septic tank for connection with a water closet in the house if, before the Ministry approves an application in that behalf, it is satisfied that the connection of the water closet with main drainage is not possible or reasonably practicable.	146 5 0		48 15 0	
A piped supply of cold water into the house for the first time and providing a sink connected to that supply.				

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

Some houses built by local authorities on or after 1st January 1946 and before 1st January 1960 lack certain amenities. The purpose of this Order is to provide for the payment of additional subsidies towards the cost of providing such amenities. The present Order revokes an earlier Order because of changes in the law relating to standard amenities made by the Housing Act (Northern Ireland) 1967.