EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

THE MOTOR VEHICLES (DRIVING INSTRUCTION) (TRAINEE LICENCE) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2010

SR No. 228

1. Introduction

1.1. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Department of the Environment to accompany the Statutory Rule (details above) which is laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly.

1.2. The Statutory Rule is made under Articles 132(2)(a), 135 and 214(1) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 and is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

1.3. The rule is due to come into operation on 2nd August 2010.

2. Purpose

2.1. These Regulations revoke and re enact those provisions of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Instruction) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 dealing with trainee licences.

3. Background

3.1. The Regulations are made as a consequence of the commencement of the provisions of Part V of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 and the coming into operation of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Instruction) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010.

4. Matters of Special Interest to the Environment Committee

4.1. The Environment Committee has expressed an interest in the qualification process for driving instructors and awaits the publication of a consultation document which will outline proposals to fundamentally change the process over the next few years.

5. Consultation

5.1. Not applicable.

6. Position in Great Britain

6.1. Not applicable.

7. Equality Impact

7.1. Not applicable.

8. Regulatory Impact

8.1. Not applicable.

9. Financial Implications

9.1. Not applicable.

10. Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

10.1. Not applicable.

11. EU Implications

11.1. Not applicable.

12. Additional Information

12.1. Not applicable.