STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1975 No. 1214

NORTHERN IRELAND

The Northern Ireland Assembly (Presiding Officer's Pension) Order 1975

Made - - - -	23*rd July* 1975
Coming into Operation	23*rd July* 1975

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 23rd day of July 1975

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 26 of the Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973(**a**), and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Citation, commencement, interpretation and extent

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Northern Ireland Assembly (Presiding Officer's Pension) Order 1975 and shall come into operation forthwith.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**b**) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(3) In this Order—

(*a*) "the Assembly" means the Northern Ireland Assembly;

(*b*) any reference to an enactment is a reference to it as amended by, and includes a reference to it as extended or applied by, any other enactment.

(4) This Order extends to Northern Ireland only.

Pension of presiding officer

2.—(1) Any person who has (whether before or after the coming into operation of this Order)—

(*a*) been elected presiding officer of the Assembly; and

(*b*) ceased to hold the office of presiding officer of the Assembly,

shall, subject to paragraph (2) of this Article, be entitled to receive a pension under this Article.

(2) No pension shall be payable under this Article to any person so long as he is in receipt of any salary payable out of the Consolidated Fund of

(a) 1973 c. 36. (b) 1889 c. 63.

Northern Ireland or moneys appropriated by Measure of the Assembly other than a salary or allowance payable in respect of his membership of the Assembly.

(3) Subject to Article 3 of this Order, the annual amount of a pension payable to a person under this Article shall be £1,500.

(4) A pension under this Article shall be paid by the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland.

Preservation of ratio between salary and pension

3.—(1) For the purposes of the application of Article 2 of this Order in relation to a person who ceases to hold the office of presiding officer of the Assembly at any time after the coming into operation of this Order when an increased salary is payable in respect of that office, paragraph (3) of that Article shall have effect as if, for the amount specified in it, there were substituted an amount calculated in accordance with paragraph (2) of this Article.

(2) The amount to be so substituted in relation to any person shall be an amount bearing the same proportion to the amount specified in Article 2(3) of this Order as the increased salary payable in respect of the office of presiding officer of the Assembly immediately before he ceases to hold it bears to the present salary.

(3) In this Article—

(*a*) "the present salary" means the salary which under the Presiding Officer's Salary (Northern Ireland) Order 1973(**a**) is payable in respect of the office of presiding officer at the coming into operation of this Order;

(*b*) "the increased salary", in relation to any time after the coming into operation of this Order, means the salary payable in respect of the office of presiding officer as for the time being increased by an Order in Council under section 26 of the Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973.

N. E. Leigh.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order provides for the payment of a pension to persons who have been presiding officer of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(**a**) S.I. 1973/1324 (1973 II, p. 4039).

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