1972. No. 103 [C]

ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY FUND

REGULATIONS, DATED 28TH MARCH 1972, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 28 OF THE POLICE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1970.

The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland (in these Regulations referred to as "the Ministry"), in exercise of the powers vested in it by Section 28 of the Police Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and after consulting the Police Authority and the Police Association, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Royal Ulster Constabulary Fund Regulations 1972 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1972.

Revocation

2. The Royal Ulster Constabulary Reward Fund Regulations 1951(b) are hereby revoked with effect from 1st April 1972:

Provided that—

(*a*) fines imposed for disciplinary offences which have not been paid by 31st December 1971 shall not be payable into the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reward Fund established under the said Regulations;

(*b*) the said Reward Fund shall remain in being until the balance standing to its credit on 31st March 1972 has been paid over in accordance with Regulation 7 of these Regulations and shall then be wound up; and

(*c*) Regulation 7 of the said Regulations of 1951 shall apply to the financial year ending 31st March 1972.

Establishment of Royal Ulster Constabulary Fund

3. There shall be established a fund, to be called "the Royal Ulster Constabulary Fund" (in these Regulations referred to as "the Fund") under the control of the Police Authority and the Fund shall be in lieu of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reward Fund referred to in proviso (*a*) to Regulation 2.

Constitution of the Fund

4. The Fund shall comprise a cash section (for which a banking account shall be kept in the Police Authority's bank) and an investment section (in which shall be kept any investments paid into the Fund in accordance with item (*a*) of Regulation 7 and such investments as are made in accordance with Regulation 6).

Accounts relating to the Fund

5. The Police Authority shall keep as part of their accounts separate accounts of all moneys received and of all moneys paid by them which relate to the Fund.

(a) 1970. c. 9 (N.I.). (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1951, No. 223.

Investments

6. The Police Authority may cause any surplus moneys in the cash section of the Fund which are not required for immediate needs to be invested in the name of the Fund in trustee securities or such other securities as the Ministry may approve and such investments may from time to time be varied or realised:

Provided that the prior approval of the Ministry shall be obtained if it is proposed to realise in any financial year investments with a current value exceeding £1,500.

Payments into the Fund

7. There shall be paid into the Fund—

(*a*) the balance standing on 31st March 1972 to the credit of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reward Fund referred to in proviso (*a*) to Regulation 2;

(*b*) all fines imposed on members of the police force for disciplinary offences, including fines which under proviso (*a*) to Regulation 2 are not payable into the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reward Fund mentioned therein;

(*c*) all income derived from the investment section of the Fund; and

(*d*) all gifts received by way of donations to the Fund.

Payments from the Fund

8. The Police Authority may make payments from the Fund for either or both of the following purposes:—

(*a*) for providing facilities for outdoor or indoor sports or recreation for members of the police force or for competitions in such sports or recreation or for providing awards in connection with such activities; and

(*b*) for any other purpose which the Authority consider to be for the benefit of members of the police force or their families or the widows, children and dependants of deceased members:

Provided that payments from the Fund in any period of 3 consecutive financial years shall not, except with the consent of the Ministry, exceed the receipts of the Fund in those financial years derived from fines and income from investments.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs this 28th day of March 1972.

(L.S.)

M. K. Harris,
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations provide for the establishment, maintenance and operation of a Royal Ulster Constabulary Fund in accordance with Section 28 of the Police Act (Northern Ireland) 1970 and for the transfer to that Fund of the assets of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Reward Fund established under Section 4(5) of the Constabulary Act (Northern Ireland) 1922 and the winding up of that Fund.