1973. No. 135 [C]

ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY

Pensions

ORDER, DATED 4TH APRIL 1973, MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CONSTABULARY AND POLICE (IRELAND) ACT 1919, SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTABULARY ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1922 AND THE CONSTABULARY (PENSIONS) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1949.

I, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE WILLIAM WHITELAW, M.C., M.P., one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 4 of the Constabulary and Police (Ireland) Act 1919(a), section 2 of the Constabulary Act (Northern Ireland) 1922(b) and the Constabulary (Pensions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1949(c) by virtue of section 1(1) of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972(d) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, and after consulting the Police Association and, in accordance with the Police Act 1969(e), the Police Council for the United Kingdom, do hereby order as follows:—

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions (Amending) Order 1973 and shall be construed as one with the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions Orders 1949 to 1972 and those Orders and this Order may be cited together as the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions Orders 1949 to 1973.

(2) Subject to paragraph 3, this Order shall have effect as from 1st April 1972.

(3) Article 5 shall have effect as from 1st May 1970.

Amendments to the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions Order 1949

2.—(1) The Schedule to the Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions Order 1949(f) as amended(g) shall be further amended in accordance with the provisions of Articles 3, 4 and 5.

(2) Unless the context otherwise requires, a reference herein to a sub-paragraph, paragraph or appendix shall be deemed to be a reference to a sub-paragraph, paragraph or appendix in or to the said Schedule.

Increase in pension contributions

3. At the end of paragraph 36 (which relates to pension contributions) there shall be added the following sub-paragraph:—

"(8) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this paragraph the pension contributions of a member in respect of service after 31st March 1972 shall be calculated—

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 5. c. 68.
(b) 12 & 13 Geo. 5. c. 8 (N.I.).
(c) 1949. c. 9.
(d) 1972. c. 22.
(e) 1969. c. 63.
(f) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1949, No. 211.
(g) By the following S.R. & O.s (N.I.):—1950, No. 172; 1952, No. 89; 1953, No. 156; 1954, Nos. 98 and 118; 1955, No. 115; 1956, No. 49; 1957, No. 214; 1958, Nos. 81 and 184; 1959, No. 135; 1960, No. 13; 1961, Nos. 93 and 176; 1963, No. 64; 1964, Nos. 48 and 158; 1965, No. 66; 1966, Nos. 68 and 245; 1967, Nos. 18 and 277; 1968, No. 128; 1969, Nos. 39, 204 and 228; 1970, Nos. 98 and 203; 1971, Nos. 118, 404 and 407; 1972, Nos. 165 and 336.

(*a*) in the case of a member other than a woman member as though for the words "five per cent." in sub-paragraphs (1) and (3) there were substituted the words "seven per cent.";

(*b*) in the case of a woman member as though for the words "four-and-a-half per cent." in sub-paragraph (4) there were substituted the words "five per cent.".".

Increase in pension contributions (auxiliary members)

4. At the end of paragraph 1 of Appendix VI (which relates to the pension contributions of an auxiliary member) there shall be inserted the following proviso:—

"Provided that, in respect of service after 31st March 1972, the pension contributions of an auxiliary member who, under Regulation 13BB of the Ulster Special Constabulary Pensions Regulations 1950(**h**) as amended(**i**), became a permanent member of the Ulster Special Constabulary with effect from 1st March 1969 shall be calculated as if for the words "five per cent." in Regulation 38(1) of the said Regulations there were substituted the words "seven per cent."."

Reckoning of service (auxiliary members)

5. At the end of Appendix VI there shall be added the following paragraph:—

"3. For the purposes of paragraphs 32 and 33 of the Schedule, service as an auxiliary member shall be treated as if it were continued service in the Ulster Special Constabulary."

Dated this 4th day of April 1973.

W. S. I. Whitelaw,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

The Ministry of Finance hereby signifies its concurrence in the foregoing Order.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland this 24th day of April 1973.

(L.S.)

C. F. Darling,
Assistant Secretary.

(**h**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1950, No. 97.

(**i**) By the following S.R. & O.s (N.I.):—1951, No. 123; 1952, No. 157; 1954, Nos. 30 and 119; 1955, No. 171; 1956, No. 75; 1958, No. 61; 1959, Nos. 52 and 89; 1960, No. 3; 1961, Nos. 94 and 177; 1963, No. 65; 1964, Nos. 49 and 159; 1965, No. 67; 1966, Nos. 69, 255 and 270; 1967, No. 305; 1968, No. 191; 1969, Nos. 64, 205 and 230; 1970, Nos. 99, 143 and 254; 1971, Nos. 405 and 408; 1972, No. 334.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order provides for the introduction of revised rates of pensions contributions payable by members and auxiliary members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary as the first stage of a comprehensive revision of the pensions scheme for the Force (Articles 3 and 4).

Article 5 enables full-time service as an auxiliary member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary to be reckoned as pensionable service in the same way as whole-time service as a member of the former Ulster Special Constabulary.