etc. hitherto performed by the Minister of Pensions in England, Wales, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Republic of Ireland to be transferred to the Minister of Health, and in Scotland to the Secretary of State.

The Minister of Pensions and National Insurance is empowered to appoint two Parliamentary Secretaries.

The Order in Council contains other provisions rendered necessary by the transfer of functions, including a provision that the appropriation accounts relating to the Ministry of Pensions referred to in the Appropriation Act, 1952 and any Votes for the year 1953-54 which relate wholly or partly to functions transferred by the Order shall be prepared and rendered by such officers as the Treasury may direct.

1953 No. 734

The Transfer of Functions (Places of Worship Sites) Order, 1953

Made - - - -	30*th April*, 1953
Laid before Parliament	1*st May*, 1953
Coming into Operation	2*nd May*, 1953

At the Court at Windsor Castle, the 30th day of April, 1953

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in pursuance of the Ministers of the Crown (Transfer of Functions) Act, 1946(a), is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Transfer of Functions (Places of Worship Sites) Order, 1953.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on the second day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

2. There are hereby transferred to the Minister of Housing and Local Government the functions of the Treasury under section one of the Places of Worship Sites Amendment Act, 1882(b), and accordingly the reference in that section to the Treasury shall be construed as a reference to the Minister of Housing and Local Government.

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Places of Worship Sites Act, 1873, and the Places of Worship Sites Amendment Act, 1882, empower certain bodies to grant land, not exceeding one acre, for the building of places of worship or ministers' residences. Municipal corporations are required to obtain the consent, in writing, of the Treasury. This Order in Council substitutes the Minister of Housing and Local Government for the Treasury as the authority whose consent has to be obtained.

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 31. (b) 45 & 46 Vict. c. 21.