1956 No. 1699

The Transfer of Functions (Railway Deaths) Order, 1956

Made - - - -	31*st October*, 1956
Laid before Parliament	6*th November*, 1956
Coming into Operation	1*st December*, 1956

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 31st day of October, 1956

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in pursuance of section one 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 (Railway Deaths) Order, 1956, and shall come into operation on the first day of December, 1956.

(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.

2. There are hereby transferred to the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation the functions in relation to Great Britain of the Secretary of State under section five of the Railway Regulation Act (Returns of Signal Arrangements, Working, &c.), 1873(**c**), (which requires a coroner in England and Wales and a procurator fiscal in Scotland to make a return to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State in such form as he may require of the death of a person killed on a railway or having died in consequence of injuries received thereon and the cause of such death).

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order made under the Ministers of the Crown (Transfer of Functions) Act, 1946, transfers from the Secretary of State to the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation the duty of receiving from coroners in England and Wales and from procurators fiscal in Scotland returns of deaths of persons killed on railways or having died in consequence of injuries received thereon.

(**a**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 31. (**b**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (**c**) 36 & 37 Vict. c. 76.