EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (SUPPLEMENTATION) (AMENDMENT) SCHEME 2012

2012 No. 833

1 This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Work and Pensions and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

2 Purpose of the instrument

This Scheme amends the Workmen's Compensation (Supplementation) Scheme 1982 by making adjustments to the rates of lesser incapacity allowance. The changes are a consequence of the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2012.

3 Matters of special interest to the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments

None.

4 Legislative Context

This Scheme is made as part of the general annual uprating of the Social Security and similar benefits. The Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 provides for the making of the Workmen's Compensation (Supplementation) Scheme. This ensures that uprating is applied correctly to those for whom payment of an increase (in full or part) may not be appropriate, benefit recipients living abroad and carers with dependant children.

5 Territorial Extent and Application

This instrument applies to all of Great Britain.

6 European Convention on Human Rights

As the instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

7 Policy Background

- ***What is being done and why***

7.1 The Workmen's Compensation (Supplementation) Scheme pays extra benefit to people who receive Workmen's Compensation for an accident or disease arising from work they did before 5 July 1948. Lesser incapacity allowance is

paid to a person who is partially unable to work because of their accident or disease. The amount paid is based on the earnings they are losing because of their incapacity. This Scheme makes adjustments to increase the rates of lesser incapacity allowance under the Workmen's Compensation (Supplementation) Scheme 1982.

7.2 The increase is 5.2%, the same rate used for other industrial injuries disablement benefits, and is consequential to the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2012.

- ***Consolidation***

7.3 Informal consolidation of the instrument will be included in due course in the Department's "the law relating to Social Security" (the Blue Volumes) which are available at no cost to the public on the internet at: http://www.dwp.gov.uk/advisers/docs/lawvols/bluevol/

8 Consultation

Consultation is not necessary because there is no policy change; the legislation simply enables a standing commitment to up-rate on an annual basis.

9 Guidance

A guidance bulletin detailing new rates will be issued to claim processors in the Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit Jobcentre Plus office with responsibility for processing these claims.

10 Impact

10.1 This instrument has no impact on the private sector and civil society organisations.

10.2 The impact on the public sector is negligible.

10.3 A full impact assessment has not been published for this instrument.

11 Regulating Small Business

The legislation does not apply to small business.

12 Monitoring and Review

The changes in the payable rate aim to maintain the value of payment in line with the increase for Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit.

13 Contact

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