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State



Privy Council Office

At the Court at Buckingham Palace

THE 28th DAY OF JUNE 2007

PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL

WHEREAS by the Civil Service Order in Council 1995 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Order") provision was made relating to the appointment of persons to situations in Her Majesty's Home Civil Service and for regulating the conduct of Her Majesty's Home Civil Service and the conditions of service therein:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to make further provision for Her Majesty's Home Civil Service in relation to the matters aforesaid:

NOW, THEREFORE, Her Majesty is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. Paragraph (3) of Article 3 of the principal Order which was inserted by Article 1 of the Civil Service (Amendment) Order in Council 1997 is hereby revoked.

Citation etc

2. (1) This Order may be cited as the Civil Service (Amendment) (No 2) Order in Council 2007.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1978¹ shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Judith Simpson

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Civil Service Order in Council 1995. Article 2 provides that appointments to the Civil Service shall be made on merit. This is subject to a number of exceptions including where an appointment is made directly by a Minister of the Crown with the approval of the Minister for the Civil Service and on terms incorporating conditions approved by him (Article 3(2)(aa)), for the purpose only of providing assistance to any Minister (Article 3(2)(a)) and for a period which cannot extend beyond the end of an Administration. (Article 3(2)(b)). The condition that the appointment should be only for the purpose of providing assistance to any Minister (Article 3(2)(a)) does not apply in up to three situations in the Prime Minister's Office designated by him (Article 3(3)). This Order revokes Article 3(3) with the effect that all appointments made directly by a Minister of the Crown must be for the purpose only of providing assistance to a Minister.

¹ 1978 c.30.

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