

**ORDER OF THE FIRST MINISTER AND DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER
ACTING JOINTLY**

Civil Service Commissioners (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

In exercise of the powers conferred on us by section 23(3) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998(a) we make the following Order –

Title, commencement and interpretation

1.-(1) This Order may be cited as the Civil Service Commissioners (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016.

(2) This Order comes into operation on the day after the day on which it is made.

(3) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(b) applies to this Order as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.

Appointment by First Minister and deputy First Minister of a person to provide specialised support

2.-(1) Article 3 of the Civil Service Commissioners (Northern Ireland) Order 1999(c) (selection on merit and exceptions) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (2) after sub-paragraph (b) insert “, or

(c) subject to paragraph (4A), by the First Minister and deputy First Minister (acting jointly) for the purpose only of providing specialised support to those Ministers during a period terminating on or before the date of the poll for the election of the next Assembly under section 31 or 32 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.”.

(3) After paragraph (4) insert-

“(4A) The First Minister and deputy First Minister (acting jointly) may appoint one person to hold, at any one time, a situation under (2)(c).”.

(4) In paragraph (5) after “(2)(b)” insert “or(c)”.

Dated the 8th day of September 2016

(a) 1998 c.23

(b) 1954 c. 33

(c) Printed in the Belfast Gazette on 12th March 1999; amended by the Civil Service Commissioners (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order in Council 2003 and the Civil Service Commissioners (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order in Council 2007.

(Signed by)
Arlene Foster
First Minister

(Signed by)
Martin McGuinness
deputy First Minister

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Civil Service Commissioners (Northern Ireland) Order 1999 to enable the appointment by the First Minister and deputy First Minister (acting jointly) of a person to provide specialised support to those Ministers.