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State Intelligence

APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENT OF CROWN SOLICITOR FOR THE BELFAST DIVISION OF COUNTY ANTRIM

His Excellency the Governor of Northern Ireland has been pleased to appoint Fergus Sutherland McCartan, Esq., to be Crown Solicitor for the Belfast Division of the County of Antrim with effect from 15th December, 1970.

BILLS RECEIVING ROYAL ASSENT

17th December, 1970.

This day His Excellency the Governor of Northern Ireland was pleased, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, to give his Assent to the following Bills agreed upon by both Houses of the Parliament of Northern Ireland:

Printed Documents.

Friendly Societies Appropriation (No. 2).

Equal Pay.

Criminal Justice (Temporary Provisions) (Amendment) (No. 2).

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

REDEMPTION AND CONVERSION OF 5% ULSTER DEVELOPMENT BONDS

The Ministry of Finance gives notice, in accordance with paragraph 8 of the Prospectus for 5% Ulster Development Bonds dated 6th November, 1962, that Bonds purchased in the period 2nd November, 1963 to 30th November, 1963 (both dates inclusive) will be repayable, upon application by the holders, at the rate of £103 for each £100 of Bonds on the maturity date viz. 1st May, 1971, unless the holders accept an offer of conversion into 7% Ulster Development Bonds (First Conversion Issue), which security has been created by an Order dated 23rd April, 1969 made by the Ministry of Finance under Section 11 of the Exchequer and Financial Provisions Act (Northern Ireland) 1950. Interest on 5% Ulster Development Bonds will not be paid in respect of periods after the maturity date.

Holders of Bonds concerned will be invited to exchange their holdings, in whole or in part, in multiples of £5, into 7% Ulster Development Bonds (First Conversion Issue) on 1st May, 1971, at the rate of £5 of such Bonds for each £5 of Bonds tendered for exchange.

Holders of maturing Bonds who decide not to accept the conversion offer should apply for repayment. No interest will be payable on the Bonds after they mature on 1st May, 1971, and they can only be repaid upon application by the holders.

The full conversion terms will be set out in a Prospectus and Notice which will be sent to holders, or in the case of joint holdings to the first named holder, on 1st January, 1971, together with a form of request for conversion and a form of application for repayment for use if holders do not wish to convert. Holders should signify their intentions by completing the appropriate form and returning it with the Bond Book(s) to the Ministry of Finance, Ulster Development Bonds Branch, Crown Buildings, Coleraine, Co. Londonderry.

Any holder who does not receive these forms, with the Prospectus and Notice, within a reasonable time after 1st January, 1971, should report the fact to the Ministry of Finance.

Holders who accept an offer of conversion will receive on 1st May, 1971 the final interest payment on the matured Bonds for the period 1st November, 1970 to 30th April, 1971, together with the maturity premium on the Bonds exchanged.

The list of acceptances of the conversion offer will be closed on 1st February, 1971.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1949

Notice is hereby given that the Ministry of Agriculture for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the Agriculture Act (Northern Ireland) 1949 and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and with the approval of the Ministry of Finance made on 3rd December, 1970 the Poultry Testing (Revocation) Scheme (Northern Ireland) 1970. (S.R. & O. 1970, No. 322) which will come into operation on 1st January, 1971.

Copies of this Rule will shortly be obtainable from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 7 Linenhall Street, Belfast BT2 8AY.