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CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

DEVOLUTION, SCOTLAND

FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

**The Scotland Act 1998 (Agency Arrangements) (Specification)
Order 2006**

<i>Made</i> - - - - -	<i>9th May 2006</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>19th May 2006</i>
<i>Laid before the Scottish Parliament</i>	<i>19th May 2006</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - - -	<i>10th June 2006</i>

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 9th day of May 2006

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her by sections 93(3) and 113 of the Scotland Act 1998(a), is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order as follows:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Scotland Act 1998 (Agency Arrangements) (Specification) Order 2006 and shall come into force on 10th June 2006.

Interpretation

2. In this Order "relevant authorities" shall be construed in accordance with section 6 of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005(b).

(a) 1998 c.46.
(b) 2005 asp 5.

Specification of functions

3. The functions exercisable by the Scottish Ministers under section 47(1)(a) and (b) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 (requirements concerning equipment and services), in so far as those functions may be exercised by Scottish Ministers to enter into a contract for the provision of a radio system for relevant authorities, are hereby specified for the purposes of section 93(1) of the Scotland Act 1998.

A. K. Galloway
Clerk of the Privy Council

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order specifies functions of the Scottish Ministers for the purposes of section 93(1) of the Scotland Act 1998. Section 93(1) allows a Minister of the Crown to make arrangements for any of that Minister's specified functions to be exercised on his behalf by the Scottish Ministers and allows the Scottish Ministers to make arrangements for any of their specified functions to be exercised on their behalf by a Minister of the Crown.

Article 3, for the purposes of section 93(1) of the Scotland Act 1998, specifies the functions of the Scottish Ministers under section 47(1)(a) and (b) of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the 2005 Act") in so far as those functions may be exercised by Scottish Ministers to enter into a contract for the provision of a radio system for relevant authorities (fire and rescue authorities or joint fire and rescue boards constituted by a scheme under the 2005 Act).

Section 47(1)(a) and (b) of the 2005 Act allows Scottish Ministers to provide and maintain any equipment, facilities and services and contribute to the provision and maintenance of any equipment, facilities and services, they consider appropriate for promoting the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of relevant authorities in Scotland.

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