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PENSIONS

**The Occupational Pension Schemes (Levy Ceiling – Earnings
Percentage Increase) Order 2011**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>31st January 2011</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>3rd February 2011</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>9th March 2011</i>

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 178(6) of the Pensions Act 2004(a).

In accordance with section 178(5) of that Act, the Secretary of State has reviewed the general level of earnings obtaining in Great Britain during the period of 12 months ending with 31st July 2010.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Occupational Pension Schemes (Levy Ceiling – Earnings Percentage Increase) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 9th March 2011.

The earnings percentage

2. For the purposes of section 178(3)(a) of the Pensions Act 2004 (the levy ceiling), the percentage by which it appears to the Secretary of State that the general level of earnings has increased during the review period(b) is 2.4%.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions.

31st January 2011

Steve Webb
Minister of State,
Department for Work and Pensions

(a) 2004 c.35.

(b) See section 178(4) of the Pensions Act 2004 and regulation 3 of S.I. 2006/2692 which provide that the review period is the period of 12 months ending with 31st July 2010.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order specifies that, for the purposes of section 178(3)(a) of the Pensions Act 2004 (c.35) (“the Act”), the earnings percentage for the period from 1st August 2009 to 31st July 2010 (“the review period”) is 2.4%.

Section 178(6) of the Act specifies that the earnings percentage is the percentage by which it appears to the Secretary of State that the general level of earnings in Great Britain has increased during the review period.

The earnings percentage is used to increase the maximum amount of levy that the Board of the Pension Protection Fund can impose on eligible pension schemes.

An Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as it has no impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.

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