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I, REGINA DOHERTY, Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 290A(3)(b) (inserted by section 15 of the Social Welfare Act 2012 (No. 43 of 2012)) of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 (No. 26 of 2005) hereby order as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the Social Welfare (Section 290A) (Agreement) Order 2018.

2. For the purposes of section 290A(3) (inserted by section 15 of the Social Welfare Act 2012 (No. 43 of 2012)) of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005 (No. 26 of 2005), it is specified that the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection has entered into an agreement with An Post, and the period for which that agreement has effect is the period beginning on 1 January 2019 and ending on 31 December 2019.



GIVEN under my Official Seal,
5 December 2018.

REGINA DOHERTY,
Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection.

*Notice of the making of this Statutory Instrument was published in
"Iris Oifigiúil" of 25th December, 2018.*

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)

Section 15 of the Social Welfare Act 2012 extended the Household Budgeting facility for social welfare recipients by introducing new provisions specific to local authority rents. Under these provisions a new household budgeting arrangement was introduced whereby tenants of a housing authority or housing body who are in receipt of a social welfare payment could agree to have a portion of their social welfare payment withheld and paid to a local authority in respect of their rent.

The Social Welfare (Section 290A) (Agreement) Order 2017 (S.I. No. 589 of 2017) provided that for the purposes of section 290A(3)(b) of the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005—

- it is specified that the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection has entered into an agreement with An Post for the purposes of carrying out this household budgeting arrangement, and
- the period for which that agreement has effect is the period beginning on 1 January 2018 and ending on 31 December 2018.

It is now necessary to make a new Order for the same purposes for 2019. The Order will have effect for one year.

This Order specifies that the Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection has entered into an agreement with An Post for the purposes of carrying out this household budgeting arrangement and that this agreement will have effect from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019.

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