Parliamentary Counsel Office Strategic Intentions 2020-2024

WHAT WE DO:

We work with others to make legislation that is fit for purpose, constitutionally sound, and accessible to all users



Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 (which replaced all or part of 6 former Acts) = 497 pages	Income Tax Act 2007 = 3744 pages Tax Administration Act 1994 = 828 pages	Social Security Act 2018 = 465 pages
1 main set of regulations	At least 21 sets of	1 main set of regulations
under it is longer again at	secondary legislation	under it is half as long
655 pages.	under those 2 Acts.	again at 233 pages.

TIER 1: Detailed provisions in primary legislation

Main benefit eligibility, obligations, sanctions

TIER 2: Broad parameters in primary legislation, with detail in regulations

Supplementary assistance

TIER 3: Flexibility and discretion in primary legislation, detail in regulations and welfare programmes

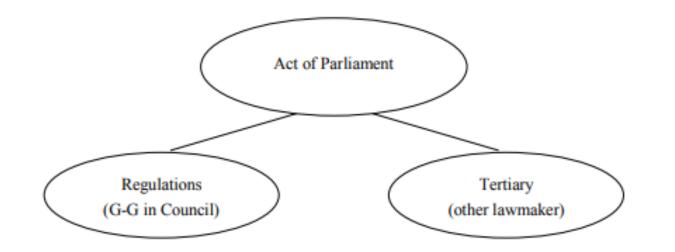
Hardship and emergencies

TIER 4: Simplified provisions in primary legislation

General, technical, and administrative provisions

TIER 5: Schedules of the Act

Rates of payments, income and means tests



Before Rewrite	After Rewrite	Under Legislation Act
1964 and 1990 Acts	2018 Social Security Act	Act / Primary legislation
24 sets of Regs	2018 Regs	Secondary legislation
Rates Orders	Rates Orders	Secondary legislation
Reciprocity Orders	Reciprocity Orders	Secondary legislation
Ministerial Directions	Ministerial Directions	Secondary legislation
Ministerial Notices	Ministerial Notices	Secondary legislation