# THIRD SUPPLEMENT TO THE GIBRALTAR GAZETTE

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# **BILL**

# **FOR**

**AN ACT** to amend the Social Security (Closed Long-Term Benefits and Scheme) Act 1996.

**E**NACTED by the Legislature of Gibraltar.

#### Title and commencement.

1. This Act may be cited as the Social Security (Closed Long-Term Benefits and Scheme) (Amendment) Act 2007 and shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1 April 2007.

#### Amendment of section 16(a).

2. Section 16(a) of the Social Security (Closed Long-Term Benefits and Scheme) Act 1996 is amended by omitting "£23.90" and substituting "£39.48".

#### New section 38.

3. The Social Security (Closed Long-Term Benefits and Scheme) Act 1996 is amended by inserting the following after section 37–

## "Regulations to amend benefits payable.

38. The Minister may make regulations amending the benefits payable under this Act."

#### Amendment of Schedule 1.

4. Schedule 1 to the Social Security (Closed Long-Term Benefits and Scheme) Act 1996 is amended by omitting Part 1, and substituting the following Part-

"PART 1 Section 5(2)(a)

#### STANDARD RATES OF BENEFITS AND INCREASES FOR **DEPENDANTS**

Description of Benefit	Weekly Basic Rate	Increase for wife or adult dependant where payable	Increases for children not exceeding 4*, where payable for child
Widow's Benefit:     (a) Widow's Allowance.     (b) Widowed Mother's	£93.67	-	£11.40
Allowance.	£78.97	-	£11.40*
(c) Widow's Pension.	£78.97	-	Omitted
1A. Widower's pension (incapable of self-support).	£78.97	-	£11.40
2. Guardian's Allowance.	£20.15	-	-
3. Old Age Pensions:  (a) where the pension is payable to a woman by virtue of a husband's insurance, and he is alive, or where the pension is payable by virtue of his wife's insurance to a man who is permanently incapable of self-support, and she is alive.	£39.48		£11.40
sne is alive.	£39.48	-	£11.40
(b) in any other case.	£78.97	£39.48	£11.40

<sup>\*</sup>Except in the case of a Widowed Mother's allowance where there is no limit to the number of children in respect of whom increases may be paid.

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## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

This Bill amends the Social Security (Closed Long-Term Benefits and Scheme) Act 1996 to increase the amount of pension benefits payable and to create a regulation making power for the Minister to amend the benefits payable.

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