
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1977 No. 844

SEX DISCRIMINATION

**The Sex Discrimination (Questions
and Replies) (Amendment) Order 1977**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>13th May 1977</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>23rd May 1977</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		<i>13th June 1977</i>

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 74 and 81(4) and (5) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975, I hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Sex Discrimination (Questions and Replies) (Amendment) Order 1977 and shall come into operation on 13th June 1977.

2. For paragraph (a) of Article 4 of the Sex Discrimination (Questions and Replies) Order 1975⁽¹⁾ (period for service of questions—court cases) there shall be substituted the following provision:—

“(a) where it was served before those proceedings had been instituted, if it was so served during—

- (i) the period of six months beginning when the act complained of was done, or
- (ii) in a case to which section 66(5) of the Act applies, the period of eight months so beginning;”.

13th May 1977

Merlyn Rees
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of
State
Home Office

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article 4(a) of the Sex Discrimination (Questions and Replies) Order 1975 provides that, in proceedings before a county or sheriff court, a question served before the institution of the proceedings shall only be admissible as evidence in pursuance of section 74(2)(a) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 if it was served within a period corresponding to the period specified in section 76(2) of the Act (institution of proceedings), as originally enacted. Section 76(2) was amended by section 79(4) of the Race Relations Act 1976 (c. 74) and the present Order makes a corresponding amendment to Article 4(a) of the Order of 1975; it provides that in a case to which section 66(5) of the Act of 1975 applies (education cases) a question must be served within the period of eight months beginning when the act complained of was done.