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INTERPRETATION ACT 1965

INTERPRETATION (DELEGATIONS BY MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT) ORDER 2024

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 36 of the Interpretation Act 1965, the Minister for Social and Family Development makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order is the Interpretation (Delegations by Minister for Social and Family Development) Order 2024 and comes into operation on 1 March 2024.

Definitions

2. In this Order —

“MSF Deputy Secretary” means any Deputy Secretary to the Ministry of Social and Family Development;

“MSF Permanent Secretary” means any Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Social and Family Development;

“MSF political office holder” means —

- (a) any Second Minister for Social and Family Development;
- (b) any Minister of State assigned by the Prime Minister to assist the Minister for Social and Family Development; and
- (c) any Parliamentary Secretary assigned by the Prime Minister to assist the Minister for Social and Family Development.

Delegations to political office holders

3. The Minister for Social and Family Development, with the Prime Minister’s approval, delegates the functions under the provisions of the Acts specified in the first column of the First Schedule to the persons specified in the third column of the First Schedule, subject to the conditions (if any) specified in the fourth column of the First Schedule.

Delegations to other persons

4. The Minister for Social and Family Development delegates the functions under the provisions of the Acts specified in the first column of the Second Schedule to the persons specified in the third column of the Second Schedule, subject to the conditions (if any) specified in the fourth column of the Second Schedule.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Paragraph 3

DELEGATIONS TO POLITICAL OFFICE HOLDERS

<i>First column</i> <i>Provision</i>	<i>Second column</i> <i>Description*</i>	<i>Third column</i> <i>Delegate</i>	<i>Fourth column</i> <i>Condition</i>
1. Child Development Co-Savings Act 2001			
(1) Section 14(1)	Disputes	MSF political office holder	Nil
2. Children and Young Persons Act 1993			
(1) Section 31	Designation of places of temporary care and protection	MSF political office holder	Nil
(2) Section 32(1) and (2)	Committee on Fostering	MSF political office holder	Nil
(3) [Deleted by S 456/2026 wef 01/07/2026]			
(4) Section 79(1)	Provision and appointment of remand homes	MSF political office holder	Nil
(5) Section 81(1)	Provision and appointment of places of detention	MSF political office holder	Nil
(6) Section 82(1) and (2)	Appointment of juvenile rehabilitation centre and place of safety	MSF political office holder	Nil
(7) Section 91(1)(b)	Appointment of governing board of juvenile rehabilitation centres and places of safety	MSF political office holder	Nil
3. Maintenance of Parents Act 1995			
(1) Section 12(1)(a)	Appointment of Commissioner for Maintenance of Parents	MSF political office holder	Nil
(2) Section 13(1), (2), (6), (7)(b), (8) and (9)	Establishment of Tribunal for Maintenance of Parents	MSF political office holder	Nil
4. Mental Capacity Act 2008			
(1) Section 25A(9)	Appeal relating to refusal to register, etc., person as professional deputy	MSF political office holder	Nil
(2) Section 30(1), (1A) and (2)	Appointment of Public Guardian and Assistant Public Guardians	MSF political office holder	Nil
(3) Section 35(1), (3)(a) and (b) and (5)	Board of Visitors	MSF political office holder	Nil

FIRST SCHEDULE — *continued*

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5. Probation of Offenders Act 1951			
(1) Section 4	Appointment of probation committee or committees	MSF political office holder	Nil
5A. Social Residential Homes Act 2025			
(1) Section 27	Step-in order or expedited step-in order	MSF political office holder	Nil
(2) Section 28	Revocation of step-in order or expedited step-in order or appointment of step-in operator	MSF political office holder	Nil
6. Vulnerable Adults Act 2018			
(1) Section 13(6)	Nomination of panel of advisers	MSF political office holder	Nil
(2) Section 20(1) and (3)(b)	Appointment of Review Board; reports by Review Board	MSF political office holder	Nil
7. Women's Charter 1961			
(1) Section 10(2)	Grant of licence for marriage to be solemnised despite prohibited degrees	MSF political office holder	Nil
(2) Section 22(2)	Grant of licence to solemnise marriages in Singapore	MSF political office holder	Nil
(3) [<i>Deleted by S 456/2026 wef 01/07/2026</i>]			
(4) [<i>Deleted by S 456/2026 wef 01/07/2026</i>]			

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SECOND SCHEDULE

Paragraph 4

DELEGATIONS TO OTHER PERSONS

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1. Child Development Co-Savings Act 2001			
(1) Section 4(1) and (2)	Compulsory substitution of trustee	(a) MSF Permanent Secretary (b) MSF Deputy Secretary	Nil
(2) Section 12E(5A)(a)	Election of shared parental leave	(a) MSF Permanent Secretary (b) MSF Deputy Secretary	Nil
2. Children and Young Persons Act 1993			
(1) Section 68(1) and (4)	Appointment of Review Board; reports by member of Review Board	MSF Permanent Secretary	Nil
(1A) Section 75	Discharge or transfer of children and young persons when licence of home for children and young persons is cancelled, etc.	(a) MSF Permanent Secretary (b) Director-General of Social Welfare	Nil
(2) Section 89(1)	Discharge or transfer of persons resident in appointed juvenile rehabilitation centre or place of safety when certificate is cancelled	(a) MSF Permanent Secretary (b) Director-General of Social Welfare	Nil
(3) Section 95(1)	Order of discharge or transfer from one juvenile rehabilitation centre, place of safety or place of detention to another	(a) MSF Permanent Secretary (b) Director-General of Social Welfare	Nil
3. Criminal Procedure Code 2010			
(1) Section 346(9)(a)	Appointment of community service officer	Director-General of Social Welfare	Nil
3A. Destitute Persons Act 1989			
(1) Section 10	Review Committee	MSF Permanent Secretary	Nil

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4. Maintenance of Parents Act 1995			
(1) Section 2 (definition of “approved person or organisation”)	Approval of person or organisation	(a) MSF Permanent Secretary (b) MSF Deputy Secretary	Nil
(2) Section 12(1)(b)	Appointment of Deputy Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners for Maintenance of Parents	(a) MSF Permanent Secretary (b) MSF Deputy Secretary (c) Director, Inter-Generational Support Division, Family Life Group	Nil
(3) Section 13(11)	Determination of salaries, fees and allowances of president, deputy presidents and members of Tribunal for Maintenance of Parents	(a) MSF Permanent Secretary (b) MSF Deputy Secretary	Nil
(4) Section 13(12)	Appointment of Secretary to, and other officers and employees of, Tribunal for Maintenance of Parents	(a) MSF Permanent Secretary (b) MSF Deputy Secretary (c) Director, Inter-Generational Support Division, Family Life Group	Nil
5. Probation of Offenders Act 1951			
(1) Section 3(1) and (2)	Appointment of Chief Probation Officer and probation officers	Director-General of Social Welfare	Nil
5A. Social Residential Homes Act 2025			
(1) Section 36(1), (2) and (5)(b)	Boards of Visitors	MSF Permanent Secretary	Nil
(2) Section 52(1)	Appointment of compliance officers	(a) MSF Permanent Secretary (b) MSF Deputy Secretary	Nil

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6. Women's Charter 1961			
(1) Section 26(1)	Appointment of Registrar of Marriages	(a) MSF Permanent Secretary (b) MSF Deputy Secretary	Nil
(2) Section 26(2)	Appointment of Assistant Registrars of Marriages	(a) MSF Permanent Secretary (b) MSF Deputy Secretary (c) Director, Services, Family Life Group	Nil
(3) Section 26(3)	Appointment of other officers for carrying out Part 4 of that Act	(a) MSF Permanent Secretary (b) MSF Deputy Secretary	Nil
(4) [<i>Deleted by S 905/2024 wef 02/01/2025</i>]			
(5) Section 69(3)(d)	Appointment of person who may make application for maintenance of child	(a) MSF Permanent Secretary (b) MSF Deputy Secretary	Nil
(6) Section 70(4)(d)	Appointment of person who may make application for order to ensure welfare of child accepted as family member	(a) MSF Permanent Secretary (b) MSF Deputy Secretary	Nil
(7) Section 71(2D)(b)	Designation of credit bureau	(a) MSF Permanent Secretary (b) MSF Deputy Secretary	Nil
(8) Section 71C(3)(a)	Appointment of community service officer	(a) MSF Permanent Secretary (b) MSF Deputy Secretary	Nil

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(9) Section 94A(9)(a)	Form, contents and duration of parenting programme	(a) MSF Permanent Secretary (b) MSF Deputy Secretary (c) Director, Family Support Division, Family Life Group	Nil
(10) Section 94A(9)(b)	Appointment of person to conduct parenting programme	(a) MSF Permanent Secretary (b) MSF Deputy Secretary	Nil
(11) Section 139C(1)	Appointment of conciliation officer	(a) MSF Permanent Secretary (b) MSF Deputy Secretary	Nil
(12) Section 178(1), (2), (3), (4) and (5)	Boards of Visitors	MSF Permanent Secretary	Nil
(13) Section 179(1), (2) and (3)	Discharge Committees	MSF Permanent Secretary	Nil

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