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1 March 1983

The Prime Minister has now seen the Lord Privy Seal's minute of 25 February about the 1982 Review of Non-Departmental Public Bodies.

She has noted the outcome of the Review and that the programme will continue for at least a few more years.

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PRIME MINISTER

NON-DEPARTMENTAL PUBLIC BODIES: 1982 REVIEW

We now have the results of the 1982 reviews of non-departmental bodies. Ministers in charge of departments have reviewed all their advisory bodies and a selection of executive bodies and tribunal systems on the lines we agreed following the Pliatzky report.

The review has not produced anything startling. Of the executive bodies, only two disappear, the Schools Council and the Advisory Council for Adult and Continuing Education. The advisory body count is a little better: 8 bodies are being wound up as a direct result of the review and a further 78 are disappearing as a result of separate reviews. The details are given in Annex A (executive bodies) and Annex B (advisory bodies).

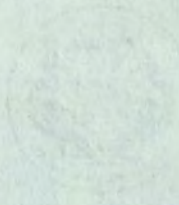
There are therefore no very significant savings this year and one might well question the value of such a formal review, which imposes some costs of its own. Most of the dead wood should now have been cut out anyway, and we are careful to scrutinise any new quango proposal. But a regular scrutiny of this kind (Annex C shows the programme we have agreed with departments through to 1987) does impose a certain discipline. It also gives colleagues an opportunity to look more closely at their department's relationship with and control over particular bodies. Norman Tebbit for example has reviewed his department's relations with the Manpower Services Commission and as a result useful new arrangements have been agreed for involving Ministers in the planning and monitoring of MSC programmes. I think therefore we are right to continue the regular review programme at least for a few more years.

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BARONESS YOUNG

25 February 1983



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NON-DEPARTMENTAL PUBLIC BODIES: EXECUTIVE BODIES AND TRIBUNAL SYSTEMS
REVIEWED IN 1982 (84)

[Body's name] = Review still to be completed

Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food (3)

Agricultural Training Board
National Seed Development Organisation Ltd
Plant Varieties and Seeds Tribunal

Department of Education and Science (10)

Advisory Council for Adult and Continuing Education
British Film Institute
[Central Bureau for Educational Visits and Exchanges]
[Genetic Manipulation Advisory Group]
Imperial War Museum
Museum of London
National Film School
National Maritime Museum
Schools Council
Social Science Research Council

Department of Employment (3)

[Employment Appeal Tribunal]
[Industrial Tribunals]
Manpower Services Commission

Department of the Environment (4)

British Board of Agreement
Commission for the New Towns
Commons Commissioners
Housing Corporation

Foreign and Commonwealth Office (including ODA) (4)

Crown Agents Holding and Realisation Board
GB - China Centre
GB - East European Centre
GB - USSR Association

Department of Health and Social Security (2)

Health Education Council
[Public Health Laboratory Service Board (England and Wales)]

Home Office (9)

Chief Constables Committees for District Police Training Centres (6)
Criminal Injuries Compensation Board
Immigration Appellate Authorities
Police Promotion Examinations Board

Department of Industry (1)

Cotton Industry War Memorial Trust

Lord Chancellor's Department (2)

[Lands Tribunal]
[Pensions Appeal Tribunal]

Northern Ireland Departments (18)

[Compensation Appeals Tribunals]
[Compensation Tribunal for Loss of Employment through Civil Unrest]
Fisheries Conservancy Board
Health and Safety Agency
Mental Health Review Tribunals
NI Tourist Board
NI Training Executive
Pig Production Development Committee
Transport Users Committee
Industrial Training Boards (9)

Scottish Office (21)

Animal Diseases Research Association
[Central Institutions - Board of Governors (11)]
East Kilbride Development Corporation
Highlands and Islands Development Board
Macaulay Institute for Soil Research
Milk Appeals Tribunal
Rowett Research Institute
Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland
[Scottish Business Education Council]
Scottish National Camps Association
[Scottish Technical Education Council]

Department of Trade (2)

British Hallmarking Council
Hearing Aid Council

HM Treasury (2)

Chequers Trust
National Economic Development Office

Welsh Office (3)

[Development Board for Rural Wales]
[Sports Council for Wales]
[Welsh Development Agency]

DECISIONS TAKEN

TO WIND UP

1. Schools Council (DES)

The Schools Council is to close in the summer of 1983. It is to be replaced by two new bodies: an examinations council with supervisory and advisory functions on examinations at 16+ and 18+; and a school curriculum development council to provide central reserve capacity for curriculum development. Any savings are unquantifiable at this stage.

2. Advisory Council for Adult and Continuing Education (DES)

The projected savings in a full year is about £0.111m

TO BE RECONSTITUTED

Fisheries Conservancy Board for Northern Ireland (DANI)

The review concluded that the Fisheries Conservancy Board should be retained but should be reconstituted as a 4-6 man Board, including the Chief Executive. Furthermore, its functions should, in future, be confined to the protection of Fisheries and Pollution control. The advisory and consultative role currently allocated to the Board should be transferred to a new Inland Fisheries Authority.

DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER SEPARATE REVIEW

1. Business Education Council (DES)
2. Technician Education Council (DES)

The review confirmed that the work of the Business Education Council (BEC) in the field of sub degree education is essential. The recent decision by BEC and its counterpart in the technician area, the Technician Education Council (TEC), to merge to form Business Technician Education Council is a major and logical step forward in the rationalisation of the validation system in further education. A holding company is to be set up on 1 January 1983 and the fully merged Council will come into being on 1 October 1983 when BEC and TEC will cease to exist. The merger has been strongly encouraged by the Department not only because it is a sensible rationalisation from a policy viewpoint but also because it should lead to increased efficiency, from general economies of scale and standardisation of procedures.

3. Council for the Accreditation of Correspondence Colleges (DES)

Government support is to be withdrawn after the Financial Year 1982/83.

4. Underwater Training Centre (DEmp)

Government support ceased from the end of April 1982.

5. Northern Ireland Schools Examination Council (DE, NI)

The body is to be wound up. The existing functions of the Council and the Northern Ireland GCE and CSE Boards are to be re-structured into a single examining board.

6. Cwmbran Development Corporation (WO) is to be wound up.

THE 1982 REVIEW OF ADVISORY BODIES

All the advisory bodies in existence were reviewed, with the exception of those with a finite life and those where there had already been a decision to abolish. Those where the Minister responsible decided upon abolition are listed below (item 1). Details of decisions reached outside the review programme are also recorded (item 2).

1. Advisory bodies either already abolished or to be abolished (8)

Body	Cost Savings pa
Flood Protection Research Committee (MAFF)	£1,400
Thames Barrier Advisory Team (MAFF)	£1,300
Review Group on the Youth Service (DES)	£84,000
Informal Working Group on Effective Prescribing (DHSS)	-
Joint Inducements Payments Committee (DHSS)	negligible
Television Advisory Committee (HO)	-
Foreign Judgements Working Party (LCD)	-
Laying Test Advisory Committee (DANI)	-

2. Decisions reached outside the review programme

- i. The Advisory Committee on the Protection of Birds for England and Wales (DOE) has been wound up.
- ii. The Hydraulics Research Station Advisory Committee (DOE) has been wound up.
- iii. The Science Museum Advisory Council and the Victoria and Albert Museum Advisory Council (DES) were reviewed under a Rayner Scrutiny of the Departmental Museums and will be wound up in due course when the trustee boards are established under forthcoming legislation.
- iv. The Council for Continuing Education (DE, NI) has been reconstituted for a 4 year term of office with an independent Chairman.
- v. The Working Party on Medical Standards for HGV and PSV Drivers (DTp) has been wound up.
- vi. The British Overseas Trade Advisory Council (DT) has been wound up.
- vii. The Historic Building Council for England and Ancient Monuments Board for England (DOE) will be abolished under the National Heritage Bill and their functions subsumed in the new Commission for Ancient Monuments and Historic Buildings for England.
- viii. The Advisory Committee on Rent Rebates and Rent Allowances (DOE) will be wound up.
- ix. The Recreation Management Training Committee (DOE) will be wound up.
- x. The Advisory Committee on Vocational Training Allowances and Postgraduate Training Allowance Advisory Committee (DHSS) will be merged.
- xi. The National Training Council for the NHS (DHSS) is to be wound up.

xii. The District Manpower Committees (88)¹ and Special Programmes Area Boards (29) will be replaced during the first half of 1983 by the Area Manpower Boards (54) (DEmp).

xiii. The Special Programmes Board (DEmp) will be subsumed during the first part of 1983 by the Youth Training Board which was set up in September 1983.

xiv. The Standing Advisory Committee on List D Schools (SO) has been wound up.

xv. The Secretary of State's (Electricity) Amenity Committee (SO) has been wound up.

xvi. The United Nations Advisory Group (FCO) was wound up in March 1982.

PERIODIC REVIEWS OF EXECUTIVE BODIES AND TRIBUNAL SYSTEMS (1983-1987)

ANNEX C

Dept	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	Notes
MAFF:	Apple and Pear Development Council Milk and Dairies Tribunals (England) Eggs Authority	Agricultural Wages Board for England and Wales Agricultural Wages Committees (24)	Sea Fish Industry Authority Meat and Livestock Commission Central Council for Agricultural and Horticultural Cooperation			The remainder of the department's bodies will be reviewed in 1986 or 1987.
MOD:						RAF Museum, National Army Museum and IMS Ltd are under separate review. SSVK (formerly the Services Kinema Corporation) is in a one year interim phase.
DES:	Council for National Academic Awards Science and Engineering Research Council British Museum Sir John Soane's Museum Crafts Council Council for Educational Technology for the UK Central Bureau for Educational Visits and Exchanges National Youth Bureau Genetic Manipulation Advisory Group	Centre for Information on Language Teaching and Research British Museum (Natural History) Natural Environment Research Council National Gallery Tate Gallery Wallace Collection	Industrial Scholarships Trust Medical Research Council British Institute of Recorded Sound British Library National Portrait Gallery	Agricultural Research Council Arts Council of Great Britain Council for the Accreditation of Correspondence Colleges Further Education Unit Registrar of Public Lending Right Independent Schools Tribunals Museums and Galleries Commission	Social Science Research Council British Film Institute National Film School Imperial War Museum Museum of London National Maritime Museum Central Bureau for Educational Visits and Exchanges	The Business and Technician Education Council, Victoria and Albert Museum and Science Museum will be reviewed in 1988.
DEm:	ACAS Central Arbitration Committee Remploy Ltd Employment Appeal Tribunal Industrial Tribunals	Health and Safety Commission Health and Safety Executive	Industrial Training Research Unit Ltd National Dock Labour Board	Community Industry Industrial Training Boards (7) Levy Exemption Referees		The Wages Councils (27) continue under separate review
DEnt:		United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority				

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DOE:	Sports Council London Housing Staff Commission	Letchworth Garden City Corporation Skelmersdale Develop- ment Corporation Rent Assessment Panels (15) National Heritage Memorial Fund	Aycliffe and Peterlee Development Corporation Washington Development Corporation Urban Development Corporation - London Docklands - Merseyside Countryside Commission COSIRA Development Commission	New Towns Staff Commission Regional Water Authorities in England (9) Inland Waterways Amenity Advisory Council Nature Conservancy Council	Commission for the New Towns Housing Corporation British Board of Agreement Commons Commissioners Housing Corporation Milton Keynes DC Peterborough DC Telford DC Warrington and Runcorn DC	Local Valuation Courts (57 panels) are under current review The local Government Boundary Commission for England is not to be reviewed
FCO (inc. ODA):	Foreign Compensation Commission Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission Crown Agents UK Trade Agency for Developing Countries	Commonwealth Insti- tute London and Edinburgh Commonwealth Scholar- ship Commission	British Council Institute of Develop- ment Studies	Commonwealth Development Corporation Intermediate Technology Industrial Services	GB - China Centre GB - East European Centre GB - USSR Association Crown Agents Holding and Realisation Board	Irish Pensions Appeals Board is to be wound up when the last pension has been paid.
DHSS:	National Biological Standards Board NHS Tribunal Council for Post- graduate Medical Education (England and Wales) Medical Boards Medical Appeal Tribunals Public Health Laboratory Service Board (England and Wales)	General Practice Finance Corporation Attendance Allowance Board National Insurance Local Tribunals Supplementary Benefit Appeal Tribunals National Radiological Protection Board	Pneumoconiosis Medical Panels Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work UK Central Council for Nursing Midwifery and Health Visiting and the English National Board	Medical Practices Committee Mental Health Review Tribunals Occupational Pensions Board Vaccine Damage Tribunals		
HO:	Commission for Racial Equality Broadcasting Complaints Commission Police Appeals and Disciplinary (Senior Officers) Tribunals Equal Opportunities Commission	Horserace Betting Levy Board Horserace Totalisator Board Horserace Betting Levy Appeals Tribunal Wireless Telegraphy Appeals Tribunal	Misuse of Drugs Advisory Body, Professional Panel and Tribunal London Building Acts Tribunal of Appeal Fire Service Central Examination Board Fire Service Research and Training Trust Boards of Visitors to Penal Establish- ments (116)	Community Projects Foundation Gaming Board Police Arbitration Tribunal Alcohol Education and Research Council	Criminal Injuries Compensation Board Chief Constables' Committees for District Police Training Centres (6) Police Promotion Examinations Board Immigration Appellate Authorities	

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NIO:		Police Authority for NI Police Complaints Board for NI		Equal Opportunities for NI		
NI Depts:	Agricultural Wages Board Tribunal under Article 5 of the Health and Personal Social Services Order 1972 Compensation Appeals Tribunals Compensation Tribunal for Loss of Employment through civil Unrest	Livestock Marketing Commission Armagh Observatory Attendance Allowance Board for NI Labour Relations Agency Enterprise Ulster Northern Ireland Industrial Court Northern Ireland Industrial Tribunal Board of Visitors and Visiting Committees	Fishery Harbour Authority Public Service Training Council Sports Council Ulster Savings Committee Lands Tribunal for NI NI Board for Nursing Midwifery and Health Visiting Ulster Sheltered Employment Limited National Insurance Local Tribunals Supplementary Benefits Appeals Tribunals Wages Councils (9)	Lands Tribunal for NI Local Enterprise Development Unit NI Local Government Offices Superannuation Committee NI Transport Licensing Review Body Planning Appeals Commission Ulster Folk and Transport Museum Ulster Savings Committee Water Appeals Commission	Fisheries Conservancy Board NI Tourist Board Mental Health Review Tribunal for NI Health and Safety Agency for NI Industrial Training Boards (9) NI Training Executive Pig Production Development Committee	
LCD:	Pensions Appeal Tribunal Lands Tribunal			Pensions Appeal Tribunal Lands Tribunal		
DI:	English Industrial Estates Corporation		Design Council	Cooperative Development Agency British Technology Group; National Enterprise Board and National Research Development Corporation	Cotton Industry War Memorial Trust	
D/ Trades:		British Tourist Authority English Tourist Board National Metrological Co-ordinating Unit Simplification of International Trade Procedures Board	Monopolies and Mergers Commission Air Travel Reserve Fund Agency	Policy Holders Protection Board Red Sea Lights Company Ltd	British Hallmarking Council Hearing Aid Council	Pilotage Commission The following bodies are subject to separate reviews: British Film Fund Agency National Film Finance Corporation National Consumer Council Nationalised Industry Consumer Councils General Lighthouse Authorities The DTI Tribunals are currently being reviewed.

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D/ Trans- port	Transport Tribunal Traffic Commissioners (11 areas)					
HM Trea- sury					Chequers Trust National Economic Development Office	
Scot- tish Off- ice	Scottish Council for Educational Technology Scottish Council for Research in Education Scottish Sports Council Central Institutions - Board of Governors (11) River Purification Boards (7) Glenrothes Develop- ment Corporation Orkney Islands Shipping Company Limited Newbattle Abbey College - Board of Governors Commission for Local Authority Accounts in Scotland (previously scanned in 1981) Scottish Institute of Agricultural Engineering Scottish Crop Research Institute Crofters Commission Edinburgh New Town Conservation Committee (previously scanned in 1981)	Rent Assessment Panel for Scotland West of Scotland Agricultural College East of Scotland College of Agri- culture North of Scotland College of Agri- culture Hill Farming Research Organi- sation Hannah Research Institute Scottish Examination Board General Teaching Council for Scotland Scottish Tourist Board Cumbernauld Develop- ment Corporation Scottish Medical Practices Committee Scottish Seed Potato Development Council Scottish Agricultural Wages Board	Livingston Development Corporation Irvine Development Corporation Scottish Development Agency Countryside Commis- sion for Scotland Red Deer Commission College of Education (7) Scottish National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting Electricity Consul- tative Councils (2) Central Institutions - Boards of Governors (11)	Fire Services Examination Board Lay Observer (Law Society of Scotland) Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland National Galleries of Scotland, Trustees National Library of Scotland, Trustees National Museum of Antiquities, Trustees Police (Scotland) Examinations Board Scottish Community Education Council Scottish Hospitals Endowments Research Trust Scottish National War Memorial, Board of Trustees Scottish Special Housing Associa- tion - Council of Management Childrens Panels (12)	East Kilbride Development Cor- poration Highlands and Islands Develop- ment Board Scottish National Camps Association Rowett Research Institute Milk Appeals Tribunal Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland Animal Diseases Research Association Macaulay Institute for Soil Research	It is expected that the Scottish Business Education Council and Scottish Technical Education Council, reviewed in 1982/83, will be merged in 1984.
Welsh Office:	Agricultural Wages Committees (6) Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments Development Board for Rural Wales Welsh Development Agency Sports Council for Wales	Wales Tourist Board Rent Tribunals and Rent Assessment Committees National Library of Wales National Museum of Wales	Milk and Dairies Tribunal Land Authority for Wales Welsh National Board for Nursing, Mid- wifery and Health Visiting Mental Health Review Tribunal for Wales	Agricultural Land Tribunal Welsh Water Authority		

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