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SECTION 4

SCOTTISH OFFICE: TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS 1954 - 1978

1954 Ministry of Fuel and Power to SHD: electricity in southern Scotland.

1955 MAFF to DAFS: (1) agricultural price guarantee scheme; (2) animal health. MAFF to SDD: the school milk scheme.

1956 Ministry of Transport to SHD: roads and bridges.

1960 SHD to DAS (DAFS): (1) fisheries; (2) Highland ferry services. SHD to SED: various responsibilities for children. Local authorities to SED: student awards. DAFS (DAS) to DHS: coast protection and flood prevention. DAFS (DAS) to SHD: Highland township roads and roads in livestock rearing areas.

1962 SHD/DHS became SHHD/SDD

SHHD's responsibilities were: (1) home affairs, i.e. prisons, police, fire, civil defence and criminal justice; (2) health services. SDD's responsibilities were environmental and local government, i.e. planning, New Towns, housing, electricity, local authority finance and administration, tourism, water and sewerage, and clean air. General Board of Control to SHHD: State Hospital at Carstairs.

1964 Regional Development Division set up in SDD reporting direct to the Permanent Under-Secretary of State.

1965 SED to Scottish Certificate of Education Examination Board: administration and running of SCE examinations. SED to General Teaching Council: registration of teachers after probationary period. SHHD to SED: National Galleries and National Museum of Antiquities. SHHD to local probation committees: responsibility for after-care supervision of prisoners. Initially, responsibility shared with small central government staff but subsequently wholly transferred to probation service (now local authority social work department).

1966 To SED: training units from DAFS, SHHD and SDD setting up Scottish Office Training Unit. Ministry of Public Buildings and Works to SDD: responsibility for the National Building Agency in Scotland, and for historic buildings. Social Work Services Group set up as a “joint unit” of SED and SHHD.


1969 Social Work Services Group wholly responsibility of SED.

1970 DAFS to SDD: responsibility for Highland piers.

1971 To Central Services: (1) establishment divisions from each department; (2) Scottish Office computer services and library from DAFS; (3) Scottish Office training unit from SED; (4) departmental liaison units in Dover House; (5) finance divisions from each department. To SHHD: superannuation divisions to form Scottish Office superannuation division. SHHD to Scottish Courts Administration: court services. SED to Scottish Sports Council: certain grant-making powers for sport.

1972 SDD: appointment of chief reporter for public planning inquiries. SHHD to Lord Advocate/Scottish Courts Administration: responsibility for Scottish Law Commission, Council on Tribunals and certain areas of law.

1973 SEPD set up with (1) RDD from Central Services; (2) responsibility for the HIDB, New Towns, electricity, transport and rural industries from SDD. SHHD to DAFS: meat hygiene etc., milk and dairies hygiene. SHHD to local authority social work departments: prison welfare service. Central Services: management group formed.

1974 SHHD to Common Services Agency (NHS): health education, research and intelligence, supplies.

1976  *DAFS to Health and Safety Executive*: agricultural safety inspectorate. *Directorate of Telecommunications* responsible to Central Services as well as SHHD.


1978  *Department of the Environment to SDD*: financial and management responsibility for royal parks, ancient monuments and rescue archaeology.