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**FROM: PS/MR SEMPLE  
4 FEBRUARY 1999**

**cc PS/First Minister (Designate)  
PS/Deputy First Minister (Designate)  
Mr Lavery  
Mr Larkin  
Mr Ferguson  
Mr McCusker  
Mr Sweeney**

**SIR REG EMPEY  
MR DURKAN**

#### **DEPARTMENTAL STRUCTURES**

Further to my note of 29 January 1999 I am now enclosing a 'final' version of the broad list of functions underlying the list of Departments as agreed on 18 December.

This 'final' version takes account of comments forwarded to me by yourselves and copy recipients. I trust I have accurately reflected everyone's comments and views.

My purpose in writing now is to seek your agreement to the attached list and in effect "sign it off" for inclusion in the report by the First and Deputy First Ministers to the Assembly on 15 February 1999.

I should add that the attached list includes some explanatory and illustrative addendums to the functional descriptors. This is purely for the benefit of

understanding at this stage. I understand it would be the intention to denude the list of these in the Report and opt instead for more detailed descriptions and explanations in the accompanying text.

I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

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## DEPARTMENTS

### **Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister**

Economic Policy Unit  
Equality Unit  
Liaison with NSMC including Secretariat  
Liaison with BIC  
Liaison with Civic Forum  
Liaison with Secretary of State (excepted or reserved)  
European Affairs/International Matters/Washington Bureau  
Liaison with IFI  
Information Services  
Community Relations  
Executive Committee Secretariat  
Legislation Progress Unit  
Office of the Legislative Counsel  
Public Appointments Policy  
Visits  
Honours  
Freedom of Information  
Victims  
Nolan Standards  
Public Service Office  
Machinery of Government  
Emergency Planning  
Women's Issues  
Policy Innovation Unit  
Cross-Departmental Co-ordination  
Assembly Ombudsman (Liaison and Appointment issues)

### **Agriculture and Rural Development**

Food, Farming and Environmental Policy  
Agri-Food Development  
Science  
Veterinary  
Rural Development  
Forestry  
Sea Fisheries

## **Environment**

Planning Control [close linkages with Strategic Planning in DRD]  
Environment and Heritage  
Protection of the Countryside  
Waste Management  
Pollution Control  
Wildlife Protection  
Local Government  
Sustainable Development  
Mineral Resources (planning aspects)  
Driver & Vehicle Testing Agency  
Road Safety [strong linkages with Roads Service and Transport Planning]  
Driver & Vehicle Licensing Agency  
Transport Licensing & Enforcement Branch

## **Regional Development**

Transport Planning  
Public Transport, Buses & the NI Transport Holding Company  
Roads Service  
Rail  
Ports and Airports  
Energy (Strategic & Developmental)  
Water  
Strategic Planning

## **Social Development**

Voluntary Activity Unit  
Housing Policy  
NI Housing Executive  
Urban Renewal  
Community Sector  
Laganside Corporation  
Rent Assessment Panel  
Housing Benefit Review Boards  
Social Security Agency/Child Support Agency  
Lands Division  
Independent Tribunal Service  
Central Adjudication Services  
Office of Social Fund Commissioner  
Social Legislation

## **Education**

Schools Funding and Administration  
Special Education  
School Effectiveness  
School Planning and Provision  
Schools Inspectorate  
Pre-School Education  
Youth Service  
Teachers (numbers, remuneration, etc)  
Education & Library Board Appointments

## **Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment**

Higher Education  
Further Education  
Vocational Training (ACE, CWP and New Deal)  
Employment Services  
Employment Law and Labour Relations  
Teacher Training & Teacher Education  
Student Support & Postgraduate Awards  
Training Grants (for Executive Development, Premier and Priority Skills Programmes) [close linkage with Company Training Grants in ETI]

## **Enterprise, Trade and Investment**

Economic Development Policy  
Industry (IDB, LEDU)  
Research and Development (IRTU)  
Tourism  
Health and Safety Executive  
Company Regulation  
Consumer Affairs  
Energy Regulation (Liaison and Appointment issues with OFREG)  
OFREG (remit still includes energy infrastructure issues)\*  
Minerals and Petroleum Unit (including Geological Survey)  
NICO  
Company Training Grants Schemes (CDP and Explorers)  
Office of the Industrial and the Fair Employment Tribunals

**\*OFREG is an independent office**

## **Culture, Arts and Leisure**

Arts and Culture  
Sport and Leisure  
Libraries  
Museums  
Armagh Planetarium  
Ulster Historical Foundation  
Inland Waterways  
Inland Fisheries  
Ordnance Survey  
Public Record Office  
Language Policy  
Lottery matters  
Millennium Events & Events Company  
Visitor Amenities

## **Health, Social Services and Public Safety**

Health  
Social Services  
Public Health and Safety  
Health Promotion  
Fire Authority

## **Finance and Personnel**

Finance  
Personnel  
IT and Common Services  
Accommodation  
Legal Services  
NI Statistics and Research Agency  
Land Registry of NI  
Rates Collection Agency & VLA  
Construction Service  
NI Construction Industry Advisory Council  
NI Building Regulations Advisory Council  
Business Development Service  
Government Purchasing Agency  
Office of Law Reform