

STANDING ORDER 21: DETERMINATION BY THE FIRST MINISTER (DESIGNATE) AND THE DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER (DESIGNATE)

**THE NEW NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY**

**Matters referred by the Secretary of State: Report by the First Minister (Designate) and the Deputy First Minister (Designate)**

**Correction:**

In Annex 2: Standing Order 21: Determination by the First Minister (Designate) and the Deputy First Minister (Designate) please note the following correction.

In column 1 and 2 of the table delete "Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Development" and insert "Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment".

A corrected copy of Annex 2 is attached.

**15 February 1999**

Minister of Education	Department of Education
Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment	Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment
Minister of the Environment	Department of the Environment
Minister of Finance and Personnel	Department of Finance and Personnel
Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety	Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety
Minister of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment	Department of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment
Minister of Regional Development	Department for Regional Development
Minister for Social Development	Department for Social Development

Ms Rosemary Walker MP  
Secretary of State  
15 February 1999

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In accordance with Standing Order 21 of the Initial Standing Orders of the New Northern Ireland Assembly, we hereby determine:

- a. that there shall be ten Ministerial offices as set out in column 1 of the Table below; and
- b. that the holder of each such office shall, as from the day appointed under section 3(1) of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, be in charge of the Northern Ireland Department specified in relation to that office in column 2 of the Table and shall exercise the functions of Minister of that Department.

**TABLE**

<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>
Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development	Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure	Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure
Minister of Education	Department of Education
Minister of Enterprise, Trade and Investment	Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment
Minister of the Environment	Department of the Environment
Minister of Finance and Personnel	Department of Finance and Personnel
Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety	Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety
Minister of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment	Department of Higher and Further Education, Training and Employment
Minister for Regional Development	Department for Regional Development
Minister for Social Development	Department for Social Development

**Rt Hon David Trimble MP**  
**Séamus Mallon MP**

**15 February 1999**



**NORTH/SOUTH CO-OPERATION**  
**AREAS IDENTIFIED AS SUITABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION BODIES**

**1. Inland Waterways**

A body with the following functions:

Management, maintenance, development and restoration of the inland navigable waterway system throughout the island, principally for recreational purposes;

immediately in respect of the Shannon-Erne Waterway and of the possible restoration and development of the Ulster Canal;

progressively thereafter, in respect of the wider Shannon-Erne system and the island's other waterways (principally the Royal Canal, Grand Canal, Barrow and Lagan).

The Body would take on the functions, together with the appropriate support functions, exercised in that regard by the Waterways Service of the Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands and the Rivers Agency of the Department of Agriculture in Northern Ireland, and would also take over the functions of Shannon-Erne Waterway Promotions Ltd.

## 2. Food Safety

A body with the following functions:

- ◆ promotion of food safety;
- ◆ research into food safety;
- ◆ communication of food alerts;
- ◆ surveillance of food-borne diseases;
- ◆ promotion of scientific co-operation and linkages between laboratories;
- ◆ development of cost-effective facilities for specialised laboratory testing.



### 3. Trade and Business Development

A body to exchange information and co-ordinate work on trade, business development and related matters, in areas where the two administrations specifically agree it would be in their mutual interest.

The specific areas of implementation would include:

- ♦ co-operation on business development opportunities, North and South;
- ♦ devising new approaches to business development in a cross-border context, in such areas as research, training, marketing and quality improvement;
- ♦ supporting business by making recommendations to increase enterprise competitiveness in a north-south context in areas such as skills availability, telecoms, IT and electronic commerce;
- ♦ promotion of north-south trade and supply chains, including through business linkages and partnerships;
- ♦ promoting cross-border trade events and marketing initiatives;
- ♦ identifying new areas of trade between North and South;
- ♦ promoting market awareness and trade development in a north-south context;
- ♦ undertaking specific projects and events in relation to trade promotion, when tasked jointly on a project by project basis;

- ♦ providing advice on specific aspects of trade promotion, when tasked jointly to do so.

Existing economic agencies North and South would continue to be funded by and operate under the direction of their respective administrations.

A body with the following functions:

Until the conclusion of the current Community Initiatives

- the central secretariat, monitoring, research, evaluation, technical assistance and development roles currently exercised jointly in respect of INTERREG and PEACE by the Department of Finance and the Department of Finance and Personnel;
- administration of certain sectoral sub-programmes under INTERREG and PEACE (interest rate subsidy and cross-border co-operation between public bodies)

In relation to post-1999 Structural Funds

- advising North/South Ministerial Council and two Departments of Finance on negotiation with the EU Commission of post-1999 Community Initiatives and of Common Chapter;
- preparing, for the approval of the two administrations in the Council and in close consultation with the two Departments of Finance and other relevant Departments, detailed programme proposals under the new Community Initiatives (likely to be INTERREG III, LEADER III and EQUAL, and possibly a successor to PEACE);
- central secretariat, monitoring, research, evaluation, technical assistance and development roles in respect of these initiatives;
- grant-making and other managerial functions in respect of INTERREG III and of north-south element of programmes under negotiation, within the framework of the



#### 4. Special EU Programmes

A body with the following functions:

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- ♦ administration of certain sectoral sub-programmes under INTERREG and PEACE (interest rate subsidy and cross-border co-operation between public bodies).

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- ♦ central secretariat, monitoring, research, evaluation, technical assistance and development roles in respect of these Initiatives;
- ♦ grant-making and other managerial functions in respect of INTERREG III and of north-south elements of programmes under other Initiatives, within the framework of the

relevant overall policies of North and South respectively, and subject to the expenditure allocations and specific programme parameters agreed between the two administrations and with the EU Commission;

- ♦ monitoring and promoting implementation of the Common Chapter, which would have a specific budgetary allocation.



## 5. Language

One body, with two separate parts, with the following functions:

### Irish Language

- ♦ promotion of the Irish language;
- ♦ facilitating and encouraging its use in speech and writing in public and private life in the South and, in the context of Part III of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages, in Northern Ireland where there is appropriate demand;
- ♦ advising both administrations, public bodies and other groups in the private and voluntary sectors;
- ♦ undertaking supportive projects, and grant-aiding bodies and groups as considered necessary;
- ♦ undertaking research, promotional campaigns, and public and media relations;
- ♦ developing terminology and dictionaries;
- ♦ supporting Irish-medium education and the teaching of Irish.

### Ulster Scots

- ♦ promotion of greater awareness and use of Ullans and of Ulster Scots cultural issues, both within Northern Ireland and throughout the island.

## 6. Aquaculture and Marine Matters

A body with the following functions:

### Lough Foyle and Carlingford Lough

- ♦ promotion of development of Lough Foyle and Carlingford Lough, for commercial and recreational purposes;
- ♦ existing functions of Foyle Fisheries Commission in regard to inland fisheries conservation, protection, management and development, and equivalent functions in respect of Carlingford Lough;
- ♦ development and licensing of aquaculture;
- ♦ development of marine tourism.

### Lighthouses

- ♦ existing functions of the Commissioners of Irish Lights (CIL) in respect of providing and maintaining aids to navigation along the coast of the whole island of Ireland and its adjacent seas and islands.

Given that the CIL functions in an East-West context, arrangements will be made to maintain linkage with the relevant British authorities.