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MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE NORTHERN IRELAND OFFICE

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, the Rt Hon Humphrey Atkins, MP has made the following allocations for his own and other Ministers' responsibilities:-

SECRETARY OF STATE, RT HON HUMPHREY ATKINS MP:

Political and constitutional matters
Security policy and operations
Other major policy issues (eg public expenditure).

MINISTER OF STATE, DEPUTY TO SECRETARY OF STATE, MR MICHAEL ALISON MP:

All other Northern Ireland Office matters including

- (1) Prisons
- (2) Police administration
- (3) Compensation for Criminal Injuries

Department of Health and Social Services.

MINISTER OF STATE, MR HUGH ROSSI MP:

Department of Finance
Department of Manpower Services
Department of the Civil Service.

PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE, MR PHILIP GOODHART MP:

Department of the Environment
Spokesman for Department of Education in House of Commons.

PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE, MR GILES SHAW MP:

Department of Commerce
Department of Agriculture.

PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE, LORD ELTON:

Department of Education
House of Lords spokesman on all NI matters.