

PUBLIC BODIES REFORM – PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE

14th December 2011

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Department	Public Body	Proposed Reforms (announced on 14th October 2010)	Updates and Comments (as at 14th December 2011)
Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS)	ACAS (Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service)	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
BIS	Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Arbitration Tribunal	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and functions	No change to proposals
BIS	British Hallmarking Council	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should be independent of Government. Functions to be modified to enable more efficient operation of the hallmarking system	No change to proposals
BIS	British Nuclear Fuels Limited	No longer a Public Corporation - Abolish body, subject to transferring remaining assets and liabilities	No change to proposals
BIS	British Shipbuilders	No longer a Public Corporation - Abolish body. Remaining functions are already carried out by the department	No change to proposals
BIS	Capital for Enterprise Limited	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should be independent of Government	No change to proposals
BIS	Central Arbitration Committee	Merge - Merge with Certification Office	No change to proposals
BIS	Certification Office	Merge - Merge with Central Arbitration Committee	No change to proposals
BIS	Competition Appeals Tribunal	Retain - Retain on the grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality and consider, by July 2011, the case for transferring the sponsorship of the CAT to the MoJ tribunals service	No change to proposals
BIS	Competition Commission	Merge - Government will consult in the new year on a merger with the competition functions of the Office of Fair Trading	Government has consulted on a merger with the competition functions of the Office of Fair Trading

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BIS	Competition Service	No longer an NDPB - By April 2011, consider the case for abolition and transfer of functions to MoJs tribunals service	No change to proposals
BIS	Construction Industry Training Board	Under consideration - Complete consideration by November 2010 of transferring body and functions to private sector status	Retain - retain on the grounds of performing a function which should remain independent of government
BIS	Consumer Focus	No longer an NDPB - Government will consider the outcome of ongoing sectoral reviews and consult early next year on proposals to abolish Consumer Focus and transfer its function to Citizens Advice	Government has consulted on proposals to abolish Consumer Focus and transfer its functions to Citizens Advice/Citizens Advice Scotland
BIS	Copyright Tribunal	No longer an NDPB - Subject to final agreement, transfer jurisdiction of this tribunal into MoJ's tribunals service	No change to proposals
BIS	Design Council	No longer an NDPB - Seek to establish as an independent charity, subject to Privy Council agreement	No longer an NDPB as of April 2011. Design Council has been changed into a private sector charity
BIS	Engineering Construction Industry Training Board	Under consideration - Complete consideration by November 2010 of transferring body and functions to private sector status	Retain - retain on the grounds of performing a function which should remain independent of government
BIS	Export Credit Guarantee Department ¹	Retain - Retain on the grounds of performing a technical function	No change to proposals
BIS	Export Guarantees Advisory Council ²	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function	No change to proposals
BIS	Film Industry Training Board	Under consideration - Complete consideration by November 2010 of transferring body and functions to private sector status	Retain – retain on grounds of performing a function which should remain independent of government
BIS	Financial Reporting Council	Retain and substantially reform - Remove reliance on Government funding	Retain – retain on the grounds of performing a technical function. Reduce reliance on Government funding
BIS	Hearing Aid Council	No longer an NDPB - Abolished in July 2010 and reformed functions transferred to Health Professions Council	No longer an NDPB as of July 2010

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² This body reports to the Export Credit Guarantee Department. The Rt Hon Vince Cable is the Secretary of State responsible.

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BIS	HEFCE (Higher Education Funding Council for England)	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
BIS	HM Land Registry ³	Retain and substantially reform - Retain on the grounds of transparency - but Government will undertake a feasibility study to scope out the opportunities presented by private sector investment	Retain - Retain on the grounds of independently establishing facts - but Government will undertake a feasibility study to scope out the opportunities presented by private sector investment
BIS	Industrial Development Advisory Board	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
BIS	Insolvency Practitioners Tribunal	Under consideration - As part of Insolvency Service consultation on licensing of insolvency practitioners to be issued November 2010	As part of an Insolvency Service consultation which has now closed, which recommends retaining IPT
BIS	Land Registration Rule Committee ⁴	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
BIS	Local Better Regulation Office	Under consideration - Primary Authority and other deregulatory functions will be maintained and an appropriate delivery mechanism to provide independent technical expertise will be announced by December	No longer an NDPB - Abolish as an NDPB and bring some functions into the department
BIS	Low Pay Commission	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
BIS	NESTA (National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts)	No longer an NDPB - Seek to establish as an independent charity. Endowment to be held in a separate trust	No change to proposals
BIS	Office for Fair Access	Under consideration - Proposals on the future of the Office for Fair Access will be made in the White Paper on the future strategy for higher education to be published by the end of the year	Retain - on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality

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BIS	Office of Fair Trading	Merge - Government will consult in the New Year on a merger of OFT's competition functions with the Competition Commission and transfer of consumer and enforcement functions	Government has consulted on a merger of OFT's competition functions with the Competition Commission and on transfer of consumer and enforcement and information/education functions
BIS	Office of Manpower Economics	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
BIS	Postcomm	Merge - Postcomm will be merged with the communications industry regulator - Ofcom	Merger completed October 2011
BIS	Regional Development Agencies (x 8)	No longer an NDPB - RDAs will be abolished and functions which are to be retained will be transferred to central or local government and others, as previously announced	No change to proposals
BIS	Research Councils (x 7)	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
BIS	Royal Mail Holdings Plc	Retain - Transfer Royal Mail to private sector over time	Retain - on grounds of performing a technical function. Transfer Royal Mail to private sector over time
BIS	SITPRO Ltd	No longer an NDPB - Abolished at the end of September and remaining functions transferred to department	No longer an NDPB as of April 2011
BIS	Strategic Advisory Board for Intellectual Property	No longer an NDPB - Body and some functions abolished, remainder transferred to UK Intellectual Property Office	No longer an NDPB as of July 2010
BIS	Student Loans Company	Under consideration - Proposals on the future of the Student Loan Company will be made in the White Paper on the future strategy for higher education to be published by the end of the year	Retain - on grounds of performing a technical function
BIS	Technology Strategy Board	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
BIS	UK Atomic Energy Authority	Under consideration - Complete by October 2010 consideration of whether functions could be carried out more effectively elsewhere	Retain - retain on the grounds of performing a technical function
BIS	UK Commission for Employment and Skills	Under consideration - Complete review by end of year of core functions and the most appropriate organisational model to deliver a simplified skills landscape across the UK	Retain – retain on the grounds of performing a technical function

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BIS	UKTI (UK Trade & Investment) ⁵	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function	No change to proposals
BIS	Union Modernisation Fund Supervisory Board	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and function. No further rounds will be held of the Union Modernisation Fund so the work of the Board is complete	No longer an NDPB as of November 2010
BIS	Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Advisory Body (WAB)	No longer an NDPB - Abolished at the end of September and remaining functions transferred to department	No longer an NDPB as of September 2010
Communities and Local Government (CLG)	Advisory Panel for the Local Innovation Awards Scheme	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and function	No longer an NDPB as of July 2010
CLG	Advisory Panel on Standards for the Planning Inspectorate	No longer an NDPB - Abolished body. The Planning Inspectorate has an internal challenge process that offers quality assurance	No longer an NDPB as of July 2010
CLG	Architects Registration Board	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
CLG	Audit Commission for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England	No longer a Public Corporation - Disband and transfer audit practice into private ownership, as previously announced	No change to proposals
CLG	Building Regulations Advisory Committee	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function	No change to proposals
CLG	Commission for Administration (also known as Local Government Ombudsman)	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
CLG	Community Development Foundation	No longer an NDPB - Has charitable status. Support to move to adoption of social enterprise model	No longer an NDPB as of March 2011
CLG	Firebuy	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and transfer procurement functions to alternative suppliers, and residual functions to department	Firebuy ceased trading in July 2011, with formal closure to follow

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CLG	Homes and Communities Agency	Retain and substantially reform - Smaller enabling and investment body working for local communities. Intend to devolve London functions to Mayor of London. Taking on regulation of social housing	Retain and substantially reform – on the grounds of performing functions which require impartiality and performing a technical function. Smaller enabling and investment body working for local communities. Intend to devolve London functions to Mayor of London. Taking on regulation of social housing
CLG	Independent Housing Ombudsman Ltd	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
CLG	Infrastructure Planning Commission	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and create a Major Infrastructure Planning Unit within the Planning Inspectorate, as previously announced	No change to proposals
CLG	London Thames Gateway Development Corporation	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and devolve functions to local government or other London bodies	No change to proposals
CLG	National Housing and Planning Advice Unit	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and function	No longer an NDPB as of June 2010
CLG	National Tenant Voice	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and function	No longer an NDPB as of July 2010
CLG	Ordnance Survey	Retain - On grounds of performing a technical function	No change to proposals
CLG	Rent Assessment Panels / Residential Property Tribunal Service	No longer an NDPB - Abolish and transfer jurisdiction of these tribunals into MoJs tribunals service	No longer an NDPB as of July 2011
CLG	Standards Board for England	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and functions, as previously announced	No change to proposals
CLG	The Leasehold Advisory Service	Under consideration - Will work towards a future merger with a specialist advice service. Decision by April 2011	Having considered the merger and other options emerging from the review concluded in April 2011, the Government is looking further at the best way to provide LEASE's services in future, including a more commercial business model
CLG	The Office for Tenants and Social Landlords (also known as Tenant Services Authority)	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body. Regulatory functions passed to Homes and Communities Agency. Independent economic regulation safeguarded. Consumer regulation slimmed down	No change to proposals

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CLG	Thurrock Development Corporation	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and devolve functions to local government	No change to proposals
CLG	Valuation Tribunal for England	No longer an NDPB - Abolish and transfer jurisdiction of this tribunal into MoJs tribunals service	No change to proposals
CLG	Valuation Tribunal Service	No longer an NDPB - Abolish and transfer functions of this body into MoJs tribunals service	No change to proposals
CLG	West Northamptonshire Development Corporation	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and devolve functions to local government (local authority led delivery body)	No change to proposals
Cabinet Office (CO)	Advisory Committee on Business Appointments	Retain - Retain on the grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
CO	Capacitybuilders	No longer an NDPB - Alternative delivery for capacity building activity is under review	No longer an NDPB as of March 2011
CO	Central Office of Information	Under consideration - Pending a review of Government advertising to be finalised by the end of November	No longer a Non-Ministerial Department - Government communications activity will be overseen by the Communications Delivery Board and co-ordinated by the Strategic Centre for Government Communications at Cabinet Office
CO	Charity Commission for England and Wales	Retain - Retain on the grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
CO	Civil Service Appeal Board	No longer an NDPB - Any residual work will be accommodated elsewhere within the Civil Service. It is likely to take 12 months to wind down the current workload	No change to proposals
CO	Commission for the Compact	No longer an NDPB - The functions of the Commission for the Compact (to champion and promote the Compact) will be carried out by Compact Voice and the Cabinet Office respectively	No longer an NDPB as of March 2011
CO	Committee on Standards in Public Life	Retain - Retain on the grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
CO	Government Strategic Marketing Advisory Board	No longer an NDPB - GSMAB is no longer an Internal Advisory Committee – any remaining function will be passed to the Efficiency and Reform Group	No longer an NDPB as of October 2010

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CO	House of Lords Appointments Commission	Retain - Retain on the grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
CO	Main Honours Advisory Committee	No longer an NDPB - Will remain as an advisory group, administered from within the Cabinet Office	No longer an NDPB as of October 2010
CO	National School of Government	Under consideration - The position will be determined by a broader review of civil service learning and development to report by the end of November	No longer a Non-Ministerial Department as of April 2011
CO	Office for Civil Society Advisory Body	No longer an NDPB - The Advisory Body will be abolished when the member's terms of office come to an end on 31/03/11	No longer an NDPB as of October 2010
CO	Security Commission	No longer an NDPB - For any breach of security the Government will consider the need for an inquiry, and how it should be conducted	No longer an NDPB as of October 2010
CO	Security Vetting Appeals Panel	Retain - Retain on the grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
CO	Senior Salaries Review Body	Retain - Retain on the grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS)	Advisory Committee on Historic Wreck Sites	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and transfer functions in relation to England to English Heritage, as previously announced	No longer an NDPB as of March 2011
DCMS	Advisory Committee on National Historic Ships	No longer an NDPB - Declassify and transfer functions, as previously announced	No longer an NDPB as of November 2011
DCMS	Advisory Committee on the Government Art Collection	No longer an NDPB - Declassify and reconstitute as a committee of experts	No longer an NDPB as of May 2011
DCMS	Advisory Council on Libraries	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and functions, as previously announced	No change to proposals
DCMS	Arts Council England	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
DCMS	BBC	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government	No change to proposals

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DCMS	Big Lottery Fund	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality. Move policy responsibility to Cabinet Office	Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality. Policy responsibility transferred to the Cabinet Office in April 2011
DCMS	British Library	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government	No change to proposals
DCMS	Channel 4	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government	No change to proposals
DCMS	Churches Conservation Trust	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government	No change to proposals
DCMS	Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment	Under consideration - Still considering the options for reform	Merge - Ceased to operate on 31 March 2011, when some activities merged with the Design Council as announced on 11 February 2011
DCMS	English Heritage	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government	No change to proposals
DCMS	Gambling Commission	Merge - Merge with National Lottery Commission, as previously announced	No change to proposals
DCMS	Historic Royal Palaces	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government	No change to proposals
DCMS	Horserace Betting Levy Appeal Tribunal	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government	No change to proposals
DCMS	Horserace Betting Levy Board	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government. Modify functions to remove Secretary of State's role in determining the levy	No change to proposals
DCMS	Horserace Totalisator Board	No longer a Public Corporation - Declassify and transfer from public ownership	No longer a public corporation as of July 2011
DCMS	Legal Deposit Advisory Panel	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and functions, as previously announced	No longer an NDPB as of August 2010

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DCMS	Museums and Galleries (British Museum, Horniman Museum, Geffrye Museum, Imperial War Museum, Museum of Science and Industry Manchester, National Gallery, National Maritime Museum, National Museum of Science and Industry, National Museums Liverpool, National Portrait Gallery, Natural History Museum, Royal Armouries, Sir John Sloane's Museum, Tate Gallery, Victoria & Albert Museum, Wallace Collection)	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government	No change to proposals
DCMS	Museums, Libraries and Archives Council	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and transfer functions, as previously announced	No change to proposals
DCMS	National Heritage Memorial Fund/Heritage Lottery Fund	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government	No change to proposals
DCMS	National Lottery Commission	Merge - Merge with Gambling Commission, as previously announced	No change to proposals
DCMS	Ofcom	Merge - The postal services regulator, Postcomm, will be merged into Ofcom. Several Ofcom duties will be removed or modified	Merger with Postcomm completed in October 2011. Several Ofcom duties remain to be removed or modified
DCMS	Olympic Delivery Authority	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government. To be wound up as planned by March 2014, as previously announced	No change to proposals
DCMS	Olympic Lottery Distributor	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality. To be wound up as planned by March 2013, as previously announced	No change to proposals
DCMS	Public Lending Right	No longer an NDPB - Abolish the current NDPB and transfer functions	No change to proposals

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DCMS	Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government	No change to proposals
DCMS	S4C	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government. Amend current RPI/funding link	Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government. Amend current Retail Price Index funding link and governance arrangements
DCMS	Sport England	Merge - Merge with UK Sport, as previously announced	No change to proposals
DCMS	Sports Ground Safety Authority (previously Football Licensing Authority)	No longer an NDPB - Abolish the current NDPB and transfer expertise and functions to another body	No change to proposals
DCMS	The Theatres Trust	No longer an NDPB - Continue as a charity, as previously announced	No change to proposals
DCMS	Treasure Valuation Committee	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government	No change to proposals
DCMS	UK Anti Doping	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government	No change to proposals
DCMS	UK Film Council	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and transfer functions, as previously announced	No change to proposals
DCMS	UK Sport	Merge - Merge with Sport England, as previously announced	No change to proposals
DCMS	Visit Britain	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government	No change to proposals
DCMS	Visit England	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government. Modify constitution to increase representation of destinations on Visit England Board	No change to proposals
Department for the Environment and Climate Change (DECC)	Advisory Committee on Carbon Abatement Technologies	No longer an NDPB - This body was abolished (body and function) in July 2010	No longer an NDPB as of July 2010
DECC	Civil Nuclear Police Authority	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals

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DECC	Coal Authority	Retain - A decision has been made to retain this body because it needs to act independently. This body is under longer term review by DECC as announced in the 2010 Annual Energy Statement	Retain on the ground of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government
DECC	Committee on Climate Change	Retain - Retain on the grounds of performing functions requiring impartiality	No change to proposals
DECC	Committee on Radioactive Waste Management	Retain - Retain on the grounds of performing functions requiring impartiality	No change to proposals
DECC	Fuel Poverty Advisory Group	Retain - Retain on the grounds of performing functions requiring impartiality	No change to proposals
DECC	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority	Retain - Retain on the grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government	No change to proposals
DECC	Nuclear Liabilities Fund	Retain - Retain on the grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government	No change to proposals
DECC	Nuclear Liability Financing Assurance Board	Retain - Retain on the grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government	Retain on the ground of performing technical function which should remain independent from Government
DECC	Ofgem	Retain - Retain on the grounds of performing functions requiring impartiality. This body is under review by DECC as announced in the 2010 Annual Energy Statement	Retain on the grounds of performing functions requiring impartiality. This body has been reviewed by DECC and the review report was published in July 2011
DECC	Renewables Advisory Board	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and function	No longer an NDPB as of November 2010
DECC	UK Chemical Weapons Convention National Authority Advisory Committee	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and function. Options for retaining stakeholder input in this area are being considered	No longer an NDPB as of October 2010
Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)	Advisory Committee on Hazardous Substances	No longer an NDPB - Reconstitute as a committee of experts	No change to proposals
Defra	Advisory Committee on Organic Standards	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and functions	No longer an NDPB as of October 2010

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Defra	Advisory Committee on Packaging	No longer an NDPB - Reconstitute as a committee of experts	No longer an NDPB as of April 2011 - reconstituted as a committee of experts
Defra	Advisory Committee on Pesticides	No longer an NDPB - Reconstitute as a committee of experts	No longer an NDPB - Reconstitute as a committee of experts
Defra	Advisory Committee on Releases to the Environment	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
Defra	Agricultural Dwelling House Advisory Committees (x16)	No longer an NDPB - Abolish bodies and functions, as previously announced	No change to proposals
Defra	Agricultural Land Tribunal	Under consideration - Currently considering, by the end of 2010, scope to transfer jurisdiction of this tribunal into MoJ's tribunals service	Retain and substantially reform - Functions retained on the grounds of requiring impartiality. Transfer jurisdictions of Agricultural Land Tribunals in England to HM Courts and Tribunals Service
Defra	Agricultural Wages Board for England and Wales	No longer an NDPB - Abolish and bring agricultural workers under national minimum wages legislation, as previously announced	No change to proposals
Defra	Agricultural Wages Committees (x15)	No longer an NDPB - Abolish bodies and functions, as previously announced	No change to proposals
Defra	Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board	Under consideration - Initiate debate with industry about future of body, including non-public sector options	The Government is considering recommendations from the 15th March industry debate
Defra	Air Quality Expert Group	No longer an NDPB - Reconstitute as a committee of experts	No longer an NDPB as of April 2011 - reconstituted as a committee of experts
Defra	Board of Trustees of the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
Defra	British Waterways Board	No longer a Public Corporation - Abolish as a public corporation in England and Wales and create a new waterways charity – similar to a national trust for the waterways	No change to proposals
Defra	British Wool Marketing Board	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals

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Defra	Broads Authority	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government; but review governance and increase accountability	No change to proposals
Defra	Commission for Rural Communities	No longer an NDPB - Abolish and reinforce Government's capacity to reflect rural interests in policies and programmes, as previously announced	No change to proposals
Defra	Committee on Agricultural Valuation	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and functions, as previously announced	No change to proposals
Defra	Commons Commissioners	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and functions, as previously announced	No longer an NDPB as of December 2010
Defra	Consumer Council for Water	Under consideration - Decision to be taken as part of OFWAT review launched on 26 August. Outcome of the review will be set out in the Water White Paper, due for publication in June 2011	As indicated in the Water White Paper, it is recommended that CCWater should be retained until at least the end of 2014. The Welsh Government, which co-sponsors CCWater, has announced that it wants to retain CCWater in Wales
Defra	Covent Garden Market Authority	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
Defra	Darwin Advisory Committee	No longer an NDPB - Reconstitute as a committee of experts	No longer an NDPB as of January 2011 - reconstituted as a committee of experts
Defra	Environment Agency	Retain and substantially reform - Retain on the grounds of performing functions requiring impartiality, performing technical functions and working independently to establish facts. Reform through structural, process and cultural change to become a more efficient and customer focused organisation; and clarify accountabilities. Further announcements after the spending review. The Environment Agency in Wales may move to form part of a WAG Environmental Body	The Welsh Government announced that the Environment Agency in Wales may move to form part of a new Welsh Government single Environmental Body
Defra	Farm Animal Welfare Council	No longer an NDPB - Reconstitute as a committee of experts	No longer an NDPB as of April 2011 - reconstituted as a committee of experts
Defra	Food from Britain	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and functions	No change to proposals

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Defra	Forestry Commissioners	Retain and substantially reform – Details of reform will be set out by Defra later in the autumn as part of the Government’s strategic approach to forestry in England. The Forestry Commission in Wales may move to form part of a WAG Environmental Body	An Independent Panel to advise the Secretary of State on the future of forestry and woodland policy in England is expected to report in Spring 2012. The Welsh Government announced that the Forestry Commission in Wales may move to form part of a new Welsh Government single Environment Body
Defra	Gangmasters Licensing Authority	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
Defra	Independent Agricultural Appeals Panel	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
Defra	Inland Waterways Advisory Council	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and functions, as previously announced	No change to proposals
Defra	Internal Drainage Boards ⁶	Retain and substantially reform - Improve efficiency and accountability, amend functions, and increase the involvement of local communities	Retain and substantially reform - promote efficiency and accountability, expand functions where appropriate, and increase the involvement of relevant specialist interests and local communities
Defra	Joint Nature Conservation Committee	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
Defra	Marine Management Organisation	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
Defra	National Forest Company	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
Defra	National Park Authorities (x9)	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government; but review governance and increase accountability	No change to proposals
Defra	National Standing Committee on Farm Animal Genetic Resources	No longer an NDPB - Reconstitute as a committee of experts	No longer an NDPB as of April 2011 - reconstituted as a committee of experts

⁶ As of 14th December, there are 152 Internal Drainage Boards in England and 3 wholly or mainly in Wales (2 of which are cross-border).

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Defra	Natural England	Retain and substantially reform - Retain on the grounds of performing functions requiring impartiality, performing technical functions and working independently to establish facts. Reform through structural, process and cultural change to become a more efficient and customer focused organisation; and clarify accountabilities	No change to proposals
Defra	Pesticide Residues Committee	No longer an NDPB - Reconstitute as a committee of experts	No longer an NDPB as of July 2011
Defra	Plant Varieties and Seeds Tribunal	Under consideration - Currently considering, by the end of 2010, scope to transfer jurisdiction of this tribunal into MoJ's tribunals service	No longer an NDPB - Transfer jurisdiction to HM Courts and Tribunals Service
Defra	Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and functions as previously announced	No longer an NDPB as of April 2011
Defra	Science Advisory Council	Retain - Retain on grounds that performs functions that require impartiality. Broaden remit to strengthen co-ordination of all Defra science advice	New model for the Science Advisory Council announced in a Written Ministerial Statement in January 2011. The first meeting of the reformed body was held in September 2011
Defra	Sea Fish Industry Authority	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
Defra	Sea Fish Licence Tribunal	Under consideration - Currently considering, by the end of 2010, scope to transfer jurisdiction of this tribunal into MoJ's tribunals service	Retain - To be retained on grounds of performing functions requiring impartiality
Defra	Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and transfer functions to Department of Health	No longer an NDPB as of March 2011
Defra	Sustainable Development Commission	Under consideration - Future of body currently being considered in light of Defra's decision to withdraw funding at end of 2010/11; as previously announced	No longer an NDPB - Body ceased activity in March. Formal closure will be completed by the end of the financial year 2011/12
Defra	Veterinary Products Committee	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
Defra	Veterinary Residues Committee	No longer an NDPB - Reconstitute as a committee of experts	No longer an NDPB as of July 2011

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Defra	Water Services Regulation Authority - (OFWAT)	Retain - Retain on the grounds of performing functions requiring impartiality, performing technical functions and working independently to establish facts. Review launched 26 August to ensure it is fit for future challenges. The outcome of the review will be set out in the Water White Paper, due for publication in June 2011	No change to proposals
Defra	Zoos Forum	No longer an NDPB - Reconstitute as a committee of experts	No longer an NDPB as of February 2011
Department for Education (DfE)	British Educational Communications and Technology Agency	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and transfer some functions to the Department for Education, as previously announced	No longer an NDPB as of March 2011
DfE	Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service	Under consideration - Being considered by the Family Justice Review Panel as part of a full review of the family justice system, reporting in 2011	Under consideration - A decision is pending on the future of Cafcass in light of the forthcoming Government response to the Family Justice Review
DfE	Children's Workforce Development Council	Under consideration - Options being considered with an announcement being made before the end of 2010	No longer an NDPB - Announcement made November 2010 to remove NDPB status and some functions to be transferred into DfE
DfE	General Teaching Council for England	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body as part of the Government's wider plans to streamline and improve arrangements for tackling underperforming teachers, as previously announced	No change to proposals
DfE	Independent Advisory Group on Teenage Pregnancy	No longer an NDPB - Abolish once the existing remit for the group comes to an end in December 2010. Arrangements to be made for access to expert advice to Government as required	No longer an NDPB as of December 2010
DfE	National College for Leadership of Schools and Children's Services	Under consideration - Options being considered with an announcement being made before the end of 2010	No longer an NDPB - Schools White Paper (The Importance of Teaching) November 2010 - to become an executive agency
DfE	Ofqual	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government. Introduce legislation to strengthen governance arrangements	No change to proposals

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DfE	Ofsted	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government. Reform inspection functions to increase proportionality and reduce burdens	No change to proposals
DfE	Partnerships for Schools	Under consideration - Subject to the overarching review of Department for Education's capital expenditure, to be completed in December 2010	No longer an NDPB - In June 2011, Secretary of State confirmed that PfS would close in March 2012. To become part of an executive agency
DfE	Qualifications and Curriculum Development Agency	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and transfer some functions (including key activities such as National Curriculum Tests) to the Department for Education, as previously announced	No change to proposals
DfE	School Food Trust	No longer an NDPB - Abolish NDPB status, but continue as a charity with the potential to become a community interest company	No longer an NDPB as of October 2011. Reclassified by ONS as an independent body to the 'not for profit institutions serving households' sector
DfE	School Support Staff Negotiating Body	Under consideration - Subject to further discussions with employer and union representatives	No longer an NDPB - statutory closure in January 2012
DfE	School Teachers' Review Body	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires political impartiality	No change to proposals
DfE	Teachers TV Board of Governors	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and functions	No longer an NDPB as of December 2010
DfE	The Office of the Children's Commissioner	Under consideration - Subject to a formal review to be finalised by the end of November 2010	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality. Review published 6 Dec - recommending legislation to strengthen role
DfE	Training and Development Agency for Schools	Under consideration - Options being considered with an announcement being made before the end of 2010	No longer an NDPB - Schools White Paper (The Importance of Teaching) November 2010 - to become part of an executive agency
DfE	Young People's Learning Agency	Under consideration - Subject to education structural reforms	No longer an NDPB - Schools White Paper (The Importance of Teaching) November 2010 - to become part of an executive agency

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Department for International Development (DfID)	Commonwealth Development Corporation	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
DfID	Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the UK	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing functions requiring impartiality	No change to proposals
Department for Transport (DfT)	BRB (Residuary) Ltd	No longer a Public Corporation - Abolish body and transfer functions to the Secretary of State for Transport. BRBR will be wound up once a programme of asset disposals is complete	No change to proposals
DfT	British Transport Police Authority	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government	No change to proposals
DfT	Civil Aviation Authority	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
DfT	Commission for Integrated Transport	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and seek arrangement that delivers external analysis and strategic advice on cross-modal transport policy and realising benefits, at lower cost	No longer an NDPB as of October 2010
DfT	Cycling England	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body. We have announced a Local Sustainable Travel Fund and will explore ways of marshalling expert input on cycling issues, including to support the Fund	No longer an NDPB as of March 2011
DfT	Directly Operated Railways Ltd	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
DfT	Disabled Persons' Transport Advisory Committee	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body. We are exploring options for continuing to gain the disability advice we need through a more flexible, accountable structure	No change to proposals
DfT	London and Continental Railways Ltd	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
DfT	Northern Lighthouse Board	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
DfT	Office of Rail Regulation	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals

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DfT	Passenger Focus/Passengers' Council	Retain and substantially reform - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality. Substantially reform to focus on core role of protecting passengers, while reducing cost to taxpayers	Passenger Focus was substantially reformed in 2011 to focus on the core role of protecting passengers, while reducing costs to the taxpayer
DfT	Railway Heritage Committee	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and functions. No equivalent protection applies to the heritage items of any other transport sector	No longer an NDPB. Abolish body and transfer the functions to the Board of Trustees of the Science Museum
DfT	Renewable Fuels Agency	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and transfer functions to the Secretary of State for Transport	No longer an NDPB as of March 2011
DfT	Traffic Commissioners and Deputies	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
DfT	Trinity House Lighthouse Service	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
Department of Health (DH)	Administration of Radioactive Substances Advisory Committee	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
DH	Advisory Board on the Registration of Homeopathic Products	No longer an NDPB - Reconstitute as a Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) committee of experts	No change to proposals
DH	Advisory Committee on Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare Associated Infections	No longer an NDPB - Reconstitute as a Department of Health / Public Health Service committee of experts	Reconstitute as a Public Health England committee of experts
DH	Advisory Committee on Borderline Substances	No longer an NDPB - Abolish and reconstitute as a Department of Health / Public Health Service committee of experts	Abolish and reconstitute as a Department of Health committee of experts
DH	Advisory Committee on Clinical Excellence Awards	Retain - Retain on the grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
DH	Advisory Committee on Dangerous Pathogens	No longer an NDPB - Reconstitute as a Department of Health / Public Health Service committee of experts	Reconstitute as a Department of Health committee of experts

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DH	Advisory Committee on the Safety of Blood, Tissues and Organs	No longer an NDPB - Reconstitute as a Department of Health / Public Health Service committee of experts	Reconstitute as a Department of Health committee of experts
DH	Advisory Group on Hepatitis	No longer an NDPB - Reconstitute as a Department of Health / Public Health Service committee of experts	Reconstitute as a Public Health England committee of experts
DH	Alcohol Education and Research Council	No longer an NDPB - Abolish as an NDPB and remain as a charity, as previously announced	No change to proposals
DH	Appointments Commission	No longer an NDPB - Abolish - accountability for remaining public appointments will rest with Ministers, as previously announced	No change to proposals
DH	British Pharmacopoeia Commission	Retain - Retain on the grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
DH	Care Quality Commission	Retain - Retain on the grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
DH	Commission on Human Medicines	Retain - Retain on the grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
DH	Committee on Carcinogenicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment	No longer an NDPB - Reconstitute as a Department of Health / Public Health Service committee of experts	Reconstitute as a Public Health England committee of experts
DH	Committee on Medical Aspects of Radiation in the Environment	No longer an NDPB - Reconstitute as a Department of Health / Public Health Service committee of experts	Reconstitute as a Public Health England committee of experts
DH	Committee on Medical Effects of Air Pollutants	No longer an NDPB - Reconstitute as a Department of Health / Public Health Service committee of experts	Reconstitute as a Public Health England committee of experts
DH	Committee on Mutagenicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment	No longer an NDPB - Reconstitute as a Department of Health / Public Health Service committee of experts	Reconstitute as a Public Health England committee of experts

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DH	Committee on the Safety of Devices	No longer an NDPB - Reconstitute as a Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) committee of experts	No change to proposals
DH	Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence	No longer an NDPB - Abolish as an NDPB and make a self-funding body, as previously announced	No change to proposals
DH	Expert Advisory Group on AIDS	No longer an NDPB - Reconstitute as a Department of Health / Public Health Service committee of experts	Reconstitute as a Public Health England committee of experts
DH	Gene Therapy Advisory Committee	No longer an NDPB - Abolish and transfer some functions to new research regulator	Abolish and transfer some functions to the new Health Research Authority
DH	General Social Care Council	No longer an NDPB - Abolish as an NDPB and transfer functions to Health Professions Council, as previously announced	No change to proposals
DH	Genetics and Insurance Committee	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body. Functions have been transferred to other bodies	No change to proposals
DH	Health Protection Agency	No longer an NDPB - Abolish as an NDPB and transfer functions as part of the new Public Health Service	Abolish and transfer functions to the new Public Health England
DH	Herbal Medicines Advisory Committee	No longer an NDPB - Reconstitute as a Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) committee of experts	No change to proposals
DH	Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority	No longer an NDPB - Transfer functions to other regulators (body to be abolished by end of current Parliament), as previously announced	No change to proposals
DH	Human Genetics Commission	No longer an NDPB - Reconstitute as a Department of Health committee of experts	No change to proposals
DH	Human Tissue Authority	No longer an NDPB - Transfer functions to other regulators (body to be abolished by end of current Parliament), as previously announced	No change to proposals
DH	Independent Advisory Group on Sexual Health and HIV	No longer an NDPB - Abolish and replace with a stakeholder advisory group	No change to proposals

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DH	Independent Reconfiguration Panel	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
DH	Independent Review Panel for the Classification of Borderline Products	No longer an NDPB - Reconstitute as a Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) committee of experts	No change to proposals
DH	Independent Review panel on the Advertising of Medicines	No longer an NDPB - Reconstitute as a Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) committee of experts	No change to proposals
DH	Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisations	No longer an NDPB - Reconstitute as a Department of Health / Public Health Service committee of experts	Subject to parliamentary process, the body will be abolished and appropriate experts will provide advice to the Department of Health
DH	Medical Education England	Retain - Retain on the grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
DH	Monitor	Retain - Retain on the grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality, and on the basis of it performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government	No change to proposals
DH	National Information Governance Board for Health and Social Care	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and transfer statutory functions to the Care Quality Commission and obtain some advice currently provided by NIGB from within the Department of Health or other bodies	Subject to parliamentary process. Abolish and transfer functions to the Care Quality Commission, the NHS Commissioning Board and the Health Research Authority
DH	National Joint Registry Steering Committee	No longer an NDPB - Reconstitute as a Department of Health committee of experts	No change to proposals
DH	NHS Pay Review Body	Retain - Retain on the grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
DH	Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration	Retain - Retain on the grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
DH	Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition	No longer an NDPB - Reconstitute as a Department of Health committee of experts	No change to proposals
Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)	Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission	No longer an NDPB - Will become an executive agency of DWP who will have responsibility for its functions	It is proposed to abolish C-MEC as a non-departmental public body and transfer its functions to the Secretary of State of DWP

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DWP	Disability Employment Advisory Committee	No longer an NDPB - Transfer Disability Employment Advice Function to Equality 2025	No longer an NDPB as of November 2010
DWP	Disability Living Allowance / Advisory Board	No longer an NDPB - Functions can be carried out between the Department for Work and Pensions, with external specialist advice if required, and Equality 2025	No change to proposals
DWP	Equality 2025	Retain – Retain on the grounds of performing a function that requires impartiality. The group will now advise on areas previously covered by other bodies on issues affecting disabled people	No change to proposals
DWP	Health and Safety Executive	Retain - HSE's functions and expenditure are being scrutinised in the context of the Spending Review and Lord Young's review of health and safety	Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality. The Government announced major reforms of the health and safety system in March 2011 and in its response to the Löfstedt review of health and safety regulation in November 2011
DWP	Independent Living Fund	Under consideration - Options still being considered	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should be independent of Government. Consultation in 2012 will determine how best to support ILF customers beyond this Parliament
DWP	Industrial Injuries Advisory Council	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing functions requiring impartiality	No change to proposals
DWP	National Employment Savings Trust (succeeded the Personal Accounts Delivery Authority on 5 July 2010)	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should be independent of Government	No change to proposals
DWP	Pension Protection Fund	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing functions requiring impartiality	No change to proposals
DWP	Pensions Ombudsman	Merge - Merge with Pension Protection Fund Ombudsman to form a single tribunal NDPB	No change to proposals
DWP	Pensions Protection Fund Ombudsman	Merge - Merge with Pensions Ombudsman to form a single tribunal NDPB	No change to proposals

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DWP	Pensions Regulator	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing functions requiring impartiality	No change to proposals
DWP	Remploy Ltd	Under consideration	Retain – Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should be independent of Government. In December 2010, the Department announced an independent review of the specialist support the Government provides to disabled people who want to work, including Remploy. Consultation on the recommendations of the Sayce report closed in October 2011
DWP	Social Security Advisory Committee	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing functions requiring impartiality	No change to proposals
DWP	The Pensions Advisory Service	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing functions requiring impartiality	No change to proposals
Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO)	BBC World Service	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government and impartiality grounds	No change to proposals
FCO	British Council	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
FCO	Caribbean Board	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and function	No longer an NDPB as of September 2010
FCO	Diplomatic Service Appeals Board	Under consideration - The department is reviewing and exploring options and will report in January 2011	No longer an NDPB as of March 2011
FCO	Foreign Compensation Commission	Under consideration - This is currently under consideration	Retain - retain on the grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality
FCO	Government Hospitality Advisory Committee on the purchase of Wines	No longer an NDPB - The NDPB will be abolished and the function is under departmental review	No longer an NDPB as of December 2010
FCO	Great Britain China Centre	Under consideration - This is currently under consideration by the department	Retain - retain on the grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality

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FCO	Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission	Retain - Retain on the grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
FCO	The Westminster Foundation for Democracy	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
FCO	UK India Round Table	Under consideration - This is currently under consideration by the department	Retain and substantially reform - on the grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality. Completed June 2011
HM Treasury	Royal Mint Advisory Committee on the design of coins, medals, seals and decorations	Retain - Retain on the grounds of providing a technical function which should remain independent from Government. The most cost-effective way to provide the specialist knowledge needed to advise the Chancellor and HM the Queen on coin designs	No change to proposals
Home Office, including Government Equalities Office (HO)	Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
HO	Animal Procedures Committee	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government. Subject to consultation in due course when new EU directive is transposed into law	Retain - on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government. Subject to review in due course when new EU directive is transposed into law
HO	Equality and Human Rights Commission	Retain and substantially reform – Retain on the grounds of performing a function that requires impartiality, with better focus on its core regulatory functions and improved use of taxpayers' money	Government consulted on reform earlier in the year and will respond to the consultation shortly
HO	Forensic Science Service	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No longer to be a trading government owned company - no government involvement in forensic science operations by 31 March 2012. Ministers announced the transfer of FSS' operational functions by 31 March 2012
HO	Independent Police Complaints Commission	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals

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HO	Independent Safeguarding Authority	Under consideration - Subject to review of the Vetting and Barring Scheme announced by the Home Secretary that will be launched in due course	Merge - Government has announced that ISA and Criminal Records Bureau are to be merged and a new single organisation established
HO	Investigatory Powers Tribunal	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
HO	Migration Advisory Committee	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing functions requiring impartiality	No change to proposals
HO	National DNA Database Ethics Group	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing functions requiring impartiality	No change to proposals
HO	National Policing Improvement Agency	No longer an NDPB - Currently considering which functions must be delivered nationally and where they should sit in a rationalised national policing landscape, as previously announced	Currently considering which functions must be delivered nationally and where they should sit in a rationalised national policing landscape
HO	Office of Surveillance Commissioners	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
HO	Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner	Under consideration - Future options, including possible merger, under consideration	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing functions requiring impartiality
HO	Police Advisory Board, Police Negotiating Board and Police Arbitration Tribunal (3 bodies)	Under consideration - The review of police remuneration and conditions of service has been asked to consider how these are determined, by 2011	The Winsor Review has been asked to consider how police remuneration and conditions of service are determined, by January 2012
HO	Police Discipline Appeals Tribunal	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
HO	Security Industry Authority	No longer an NDPB - Phased transition to new regulatory regime	No change to proposals
HO	Serious Organised Crime Agency	Merge - Merge functions into the new National Crime Agency, as previously announced	No change to proposals
HO	Technical Advisory Board	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals

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HO	Women's National Commission	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and bring core functions into the Government Equalities Office, which will ensure direct Ministerial engagement with women and women's organisations	No longer an NDPB as of December 2010 Core functions brought into the Government Equalities Office, ensuring direct Ministerial engagement with women and women's organisations
Ministry of Defence (MoD)	Advisory Committee on Conscientious Objectors	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
MoD	Advisory Group on Military Medicine	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
MoD	Animal Welfare Advisory Committee	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and function, as previously announced	No longer an NDPB as of July 2010
MoD	Armed Forces Pay Review Body	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
MoD	Central Advisory Committee on Pensions and Compensation	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
MoD	Defence Nuclear Safety Committee	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
MoD	Defence Scientific Advisory Council	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
MoD	Independent Monitoring Board for the Military Corrective Training Centre	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
MoD	National Army Museum	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government	No change to proposals
MoD	National Employer Advisory Board	Under consideration - Options being considered as to how the functions could be provided by a committee of experts	Retain – retain on the grounds of performing an independent advice function requiring impartiality
MoD	National Museum of the Royal Navy	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
MoD	Nuclear Research Advisory Council	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals

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MoD	Oil and Pipelines Agency	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
MoD	Review Board for Government Contracts	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
MoD	Royal Air Force Museum	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
MoD	Science Advisory Committee on the Medical Implications of Less-Lethal Weapons	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
MoD	Veterans Advisory and Pensions Committees (x 13)	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
Ministry of Justice (MoJ)	Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and function	No change to proposals
MoJ	Advisory Committee on Civil Costs	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
MoJ	Advisory Committee on Justices of the Peace (x 101)	Merge - Merge and reduce number to 49 on the grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	Merge and reduce number to 48 on the grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality
MoJ	Advisory Council on Historical Manuscripts	Merge - Merge with the Advisory Council on National Records and Archives	No change to proposals
MoJ	Advisory Council on National Records and Archives	Retain - Retain on the grounds of providing a technical function which should be independent of Government	No change to proposals
MoJ	Advisory Council on Public Records	Merge - Merge with the Advisory Council on National Records and Archives	No change to proposals
MoJ	Advisory Panel on Public Sector Information	Under consideration - Under consideration, subject to confirming the relationship of this body with the newly-established Transparency Board	Retain – Retain on the grounds of providing a technical function which should be independent of Government
MoJ	Assessor for Compensation for Miscarriages of Justice	Retain - Retain on the grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals

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MoJ	Chief Coroner of England and Wales/Office of the Chief Coroner (1 body)	No longer a statutory body - Abolish body and function. Certain functions to be transferred, either to the Lord Chancellor or the Lord Chief Justice	Retain and substantially reform - on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government following Lords' consideration of Commons amendments in November
MoJ	Civil Justice Council	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
MoJ	Civil Procedure Rule Committee	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
MoJ	Court Funds Office	Retain and substantially reform - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires political impartiality - but outsource investment activity	Retain - on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality. The back office administrative functions were outsourced to National Savings and Investment in December 2011
MoJ	Courts Boards (x 19)	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and function	No change to proposals
MoJ	Criminal Cases Review Commission	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
MoJ	Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority	Retain - Retain on the grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
MoJ	Criminal Procedure Rule Committee	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
MoJ	Crown Court Rule Committee	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and transfer functions to Lord Chief Justice in consultation with other rule committees	No longer an NDPB - abolish body and transfer functions to Lord Chief Justice who will be free to consult as appropriate, including consultation of existing main rule committees
MoJ	Crown Prosecution Service	Merge - Merge with Revenue and Customs Prosecutions Office. Public Bodies Bill will legislatively complete the reform which was effected in Jan 2010	No change to proposals
MoJ	Family Justice Council	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
MoJ	Family Procedure Rule Committee	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals

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Department	Public Body	Proposed Reforms (announced on 14th October 2010)	Updates and Comments (as at 14th December 2011)
MoJ	HM Inspectorate of Court Administration	No longer a statutory body - Abolish body and transfer essential functions to the appropriate inspectorate, as previously announced	No change to proposals
MoJ	HM Inspectorate of Prisons	Retain - Retain on the grounds of transparency	Retain - on the grounds of independently establishing facts
MoJ	HM Inspectorate of Probation	Retain - Retain on the grounds of transparency	Retain - on the grounds of independently establishing facts
MoJ	Independent Advisory Panel on Deaths in Custody	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
MoJ	Independent Monitoring Boards of Prisons, Immigration Removal Centres and Short-Term Holding Rooms (x 147)	Retain - Retain on the grounds of transparency	Retain - on the grounds of independently establishing facts
MoJ	Information Commissioner's Office	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
MoJ	Insolvency Rules Committee	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government	No change to proposals
MoJ	Judicial Appointments and Conduct Ombudsman	Under consideration - Under consideration - but subject to Judicial Appointments Review	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality
MoJ	Judicial Appointments Commission	Under consideration - Under consideration - but subject to Judicial Appointments Review	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality
MoJ	Law Commission of England and Wales	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
MoJ	Legal Services Board (funded by legal profession)	Retain - Retain on the grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
MoJ	Legal Services Commission	No longer an NDPB - Abolish as NDPB - change to Executive Agency , as previously announced	No change to proposals
MoJ	Legal Services Ombudsman	No longer a statutory body - Abolish both body and function - decision already taken to abolish by 2011	No change to proposals

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MoJ	Magistrates' Courts Rule Committee	No longer a statutory body - Abolish - body will be discontinued and function will transfer to other rule committee	No longer an NDPB - abolish - Lord Chief Justice to be free to consult as appropriate, including consultation of existing main rule committees
MoJ	Office for Legal Complaints (funded by legal profession)	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires political impartiality	No change to proposals
MoJ	Official Solicitor	Retain - Retain on the grounds of transparency	Retain - on the grounds of independently establishing facts
MoJ	Parole Board of England and Wales	Retain and substantially reform - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government but consider future status	No change to proposals
MoJ	Prison Services Pay Review Body	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals
MoJ	Prisons and Probation Ombudsman	Retain - Retain on the grounds of transparency	Retain - on the grounds of independently establishing facts
MoJ	Probation Trusts (x 35)	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires political impartiality	No change to proposals
MoJ	Public Guardian Board	No longer a statutory body - Abolish body and function	No change to proposals
MoJ	Public Trustee	Retain and substantially reform - Retain on the grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality. Consider the potential for further outsourcing	No change to proposals
MoJ	Restraint Accreditation Board	Retain - Retain on the grounds of transparency	Retain - on the grounds of independently establishing facts
MoJ	Revenue and Customs Prosecutions Office	Merge - Merge with Crown Prosecution Office. Public Bodies Bill will legislatively complete the reform which was effected in Jan 2010	No change to proposals
MoJ	Sentencing Council for England and Wales	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	No change to proposals

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MoJ	The National Archives	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent from Government	Functions of component parts (the Keeper of the Public Records and the Public Record Office, Her Majesty's Stationery Office) to be formally taken on by The National Archives, which becomes a statutory body
MoJ	Tribunal Procedure Committee	Retain - Retain on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government	No change to proposals
MoJ	Victim's Advisory Panel	No longer an NDPB - Abolish body and function	Under consideration - Final decision for VAP pending Ministerial decision on the future of the Victims' Commissioner role
MoJ	Victims Commissioner	Retain - Retain on the grounds of performing a function which requires impartiality	Under consideration - Final decision pending Ministerial decision on the future of the Victims' Commissioner role
MoJ	Youth Justice Board for England and Wales	No longer an NDPB - Abolish as part of wider criminal justice reforms	Retain - on grounds of performing a technical function which should remain independent of Government. Ministers to confirm proposals for reform following Lords' consideration of Commons amendments in November

Proposed Reform	Number of Bodies
No longer a public body	199
Merge	120
Retain and substantially reform	176
Retain	399
Under consideration	10

End notes:

1. Where the reform proposal has changed since October (e.g. a body was 'Under consideration' and is now 'Retain') the updated headline is in bold.
2. Olympic Park legacy company has been classified as a local government body by the ONS; it has therefore been removed from the list of Public Bodies.
3. Two Defra bodies, the Animal Health and Welfare Strategy England Implementation Group and the Expert Panel on Air Quality Standards were abolished before this review process; they have therefore been removed from the list of reviewed bodies.

Notes:

1. Categories of reform

- No longer an NDPB (or where appropriate non ministerial department or public corporation) - subject to the parliamentary approval and, where appropriate, to impact assessment and consultation these bodies will be abolished or change status. Some bodies will be abolished and their functions discontinued. For others, functions may be devolved or transferred, or a new status, such as charity or private firm, will be explored.
- Merge – merge with another public body.
- Retain – retain current status and functions.
- Retain and substantially reform – retain current status and substantially reform current functions and/or governance arrangements.
- Under consideration – part of an existing wider review, including the spending review, or under specific consideration as part of public bodies reforms. The four categories above represent the range of options considered by each of these reviews.

2. Scope of list

The term “Public body” here refers to Non-Departmental Public Bodies (NDPBs), plus the Non-Ministerial Departments, Public Corporations and bodies with statutory functions that were covered by this review. All bodies covered by the review are listed here.

This announcement summarises and builds on progress since the announcement of 14th October 2010, the updated list of proposals published on 16th March 2011 and other announcements by this government to reform public bodies, and plans announced but not implemented by the previous government.

3. Changes since 14th October 2010

These include changes to those bodies previously listed as “under consideration”, further progress on original reform proposals and other updates to the proposals.