



Highlands and Islands Development (Scotland) Act 1965

CHAPTER 46

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1965 CHAPTER 46

An Act to make further provision for the economic and social development of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, and for purposes connected therewith.

[5th August 1965]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1.—(1) For the purpose of assisting the people of the Highlands and Islands to improve their economic and social conditions and of enabling the Highlands and Islands to play a more effective part in the economic and social development of the nation, there shall be established a Highlands and Islands Development Board (in this Act referred to as "the Board") which shall have the general function of preparing, concerting, promoting, assisting and undertaking measures for the economic and social development of the Highlands and Islands, and have such other functions in pursuance of that general function as are conferred on them by this Act.

Establishment
of Highlands
and Islands
Development
Board.

(2) The area within or in relation to which the functions of the Board shall be exercised shall be the counties of Argyll, Caithness, Inverness, Orkney, Ross and Cromarty, Sutherland and Zetland and such other areas in Scotland as, having regard to their character and proximity to the said counties, the Secretary of State may, by order made by statutory instrument, from time to time designate.

(3) An order made under the last foregoing subsection shall be of no effect unless it is approved by a resolution of each

House of Parliament, and the power to make such an order includes power to vary or revoke it by a subsequent order.

(4) The Board shall consist of a chairman and not more than six other members of which one may be appointed deputy chairman. The chairman, the deputy chairman and the other members of the Board shall be appointed by the Secretary of State, but before appointing a member to be deputy chairman the Secretary of State shall consult with the chairman.

(5) The provisions contained in Schedule 1 to this Act shall have effect in relation to the Board.

Directions
and advice
to the Board.

2.—(1) The Secretary of State may, after consultation with the Board, give to the Board directions of a general character as to the exercise and performance of their functions, and the Board shall give effect to any such directions.

(2) To advise the Board on the exercise and performance of their functions, there shall be constituted a Highlands and Islands Development Consultative Council (in this Act referred to as "the Council").

(3) The provisions contained in Schedule 2 to this Act shall have effect in relation to the Council.

Duties of
the Board.

3.—(1) In pursuance of their general function described in section 1(1) of this Act the Board shall have the following duties—

- (a) to keep under review all matters relating to the economic and social well-being and development of the Highlands and Islands ;
- (b) after consultation with such local authorities and other bodies as appear to the Board to have an interest, from time to time to prepare and submit to the Secretary of State for his approval proposals, whether general or specific in character, for the economic and social development of the Highlands and Islands or any part thereof ;
- (c) to concert, promote, assist or undertake measures to implement any proposals so approved ;
- (d) to advise the Secretary of State on such matters relating to their functions as he may refer to the Board or as the Board may think fit ;
- (e) as soon as possible after the end of each calendar year to make to the Secretary of State a report as respects that year on the exercise and performance of their functions under this Act ; such report shall set out any directions given to the Board under section 2(1) of this Act, a summary of any proposals submitted to

the Secretary of State under paragraph (b) of this subsection, and, where he has refused to approve any such proposals, a summary of his reasons for so refusing, but shall not disclose any such information as is referred to in section 12(1) of this Act without the consent referred to in that subsection.

(2) The Secretary of State may approve in whole or in part, any proposals submitted to him under paragraph (b) of the foregoing subsection, or may refuse to approve them.

(3) Every report made to the Secretary of State under subsection (1)(e) of this section shall be laid by him before each House of Parliament.

(4) In the exercise of their functions under this Act the Board shall have regard to the desirability of preserving the beauty of the scenery in the Highlands and Islands.

4.—(1) For the purpose of any of their functions under this Act the Board may—

- (a) with the approval of the Secretary of State, by agreement acquire land, whether by way of purchase, feu, lease or excambion ;
- (b) acquire land compulsorily, if so authorised by the Secretary of State ;
- (c) hold and manage land acquired under this subsection, and with the approval of the Secretary of State, and subject to the subsequent provisions of this section, dispose of or otherwise deal with such land.

Acquisition
and disposal
of land.

(2) The Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) (Scotland) Act 1947 shall apply in relation to the compulsory purchase of land by the Board as if this Act had been in force immediately before the commencement of that Act and as if the Board were a local authority within the meaning of that Act.

(3) The disposal of land under this section may be by way of sale, feu, lease or excambion, and there may be created in relation to land held under this section any servitude, right or other privilege, but such land may not be disposed of by way of gift, nor shall any security be constituted in relation to it.

5.—(1) The Board may—

- (a) erect buildings or other structures and carry out works or other operations on land ;
- (b) provide equipment and services on or in connection with land ;
- (c) hold, manage, maintain, hire, let or otherwise dispose of such works, equipment or services.

Erection of
buildings and
provision of
services etc.

(2) The powers conferred by the foregoing subsection may be exercised by the Board either on or in connection with

land belonging to them, or, with the consent of all persons having an interest therein, on or in connection with other land.

(3) The powers conferred on the Board by subsection (1) of this section shall be exercisable in relation to land not belonging to them on such terms as may be arranged by agreement with the persons having an interest in the land.

(4) Where any person having such an interest in any land as enables him to bind the land enters into any such agreement as aforesaid, the agreement may be recorded in the Register of Sasines, and if so recorded shall be enforceable at the instance of the Board against persons deriving title to the land from the person who entered into the agreement:

Provided that any such agreement shall not be enforceable against a third party who shall have in good faith and for value acquired right (whether completed by infertment or not) to the land prior to the agreement being recorded as aforesaid, or against any person deriving title from such third party.

1960 c. 18.

(5)—(a) The functions of the Industrial Estates Management Corporation for Scotland, constituted under section 8 of the Local Employment Act 1960, shall include a power to act as agent for the Board in the exercise of their powers, to erect buildings or other structures and carry out works or other operations on land and to manage land or other property.

(b) In section 9(5) of the said Act of 1960 (which relates to the destination of receipts of Management Corporations), after the word "income," there shall be inserted the words "and other than receipts of the Industrial Estates Management Corporation for Scotland on behalf of the Highlands and Islands Development Board when acting as agent for that Board under section 5(5) of the Highlands and Islands Development (Scotland) Act 1965,".

Carrying on
of business.

6. The Board may, with the approval of the Secretary of State and the Treasury, acquire by agreement and carry on or set up and carry on, directly or through an agent, or themselves carry on as agent, any business or undertaking which in the opinion of the Board will contribute to the economic or social development of the Highlands and Islands, and, subject to such approval, may dispose of any such business or undertaking.

Advisory and
ther services.

7. The Board shall have power—

(a) to provide or assist in the provision of advisory, training, management, technical, accountancy and other services to persons engaged in or proposing to engage in business in the Highlands and Islands ;

(b) to promote or assist in the promotion of publicity relating to the Highlands and Islands or to the functions of the Board ;

- (c) to engage in such other activity as the Board may deem expedient for the introduction, operation or development, whether by the Board or other persons, of industrial, commercial and other enterprises in the Highlands and Islands.

8.—(1) In accordance with arrangements approved by the Secretary of State and the Treasury, the Board shall have power to give financial assistance by way of grant or loan, or partly in one way and partly in the other, to any person carrying on or proposing to carry on any industrial, commercial or other undertaking or any activity which in the opinion of the Board will contribute to the economic or social development of the Highlands and Islands.

(2) On making a grant or loan under this section the Board may impose such conditions as they think fit, including (in the case of a grant) conditions for repayment in specified circumstances.

(3) Where a loan is made under this section to a crofter for the purpose of assisting him in the erection of any building or other structure, or the execution of any works, on his croft, or of assisting him in carrying on any business or undertaking on or in connection with his croft the Board may give notice thereof to the landlord of the croft and to the Secretary of State, and if notice is so given, then—

- (a) in relation to that loan section 11(7)(a) of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1955 (which provides for payment to the Secretary of State of the value of improvements on the croft of a deceased crofter up to the amount of the crofter's liability to the Secretary of State) and section 23(3) of that Act (which provides for the transfer to the Secretary of State of rights of crofters to compensation for improvements) shall apply as if for the references to the Secretary of State there were substituted references to the Board, so however that any rights of the Board thereby created shall be postponed to any rights, whensoever constituted, of the Secretary of State under those provisions:

Provided that the landlord shall be entitled to set off all rent due or to become due by the crofter against any sum found to be due to the Board by virtue of this paragraph;

- (b) any amount due to the executor of the crofter under section 11(7A) of the said Act of 1955 (which provides in certain circumstances for payment by the Secretary of State to the executor of the difference between the value of improvements computed on one

1961 c. 58.

basis as compared with another) or to the crofter under section 6(3) of the Crofters (Scotland) Act 1961 (which provides for payment to certain crofters by the Secretary of State of sums additional to compensation in respect of improvements) shall, up to the amount of any outstanding liability on the loan, so far as not already met under the provisions of the foregoing paragraph, be payable not to him but to the Board.

In this subsection "croft", "crofter" and "landlord" have the meanings respectively assigned to them by the said Act of 1955, and any reference to a crofter includes a reference to a statutory successor within the meaning of that Act.

Ancillary powers of the Board.

9.—(1) The Board shall have power—

- (a) to make such charges for any of their services as they think fit ;
- (b) to accept any gift made to them for the purposes of any of their functions, and, subject to the terms of the gift and to the provisions of this Act, to apply it for those purposes ;
- (c) to carry out or commission the carrying out of such enquiries, investigations or researches as the Board may deem necessary or expedient for the purposes of their functions ;
- (d) to do all such things as are incidental to, or conducive to the attainment of the purposes of, any of their functions.

(2) For the purpose of the exercise of any of their functions the Board may, with the consent of the Secretary of State and the Treasury, borrow money.

Powers of entry.

10.—(1) Any person duly authorised in writing by the Secretary of State or the Board may, at any reasonable time, enter upon land in order to survey it—

- (a) for the purpose of determining whether, and if so in what manner, any of the functions of the Board or of the Secretary of State under this Act should be exercised in relation to the land ;
- (b) in connection with any proposals for submission by the Board to the Secretary of State under section 3(1)(b) of this Act or with such proposals so submitted ;
- (c) where the Board have under consideration the purchase of the land or the carrying out on the land of any of the operations described in section 5(1)(a) or (b) of this Act ;
- (d) for any other purpose in connection with the exercise or performance of their functions under this Act.

(2) A person authorised under this section to enter upon any land, shall, if so required by the occupier or anyone acting on his behalf, produce evidence of his authority, and shall not demand admission as of right to any land which is occupied unless at least forty-eight hours notice, or in the case of land occupied for residential purposes at least seven days notice, of the intended entry has been given to the occupier.

(3) Where any land is damaged in the exercise of a power of entry conferred under this section or in the making of any survey for the purpose of which any such power of entry has been so conferred, compensation in respect of that damage may be recovered by any person interested in the land from the Secretary of State or the Board, as the case may be.

(4) Any power conferred by this section to survey land shall be construed as including power to search and bore for the purpose of ascertaining the nature of the subsoil or the presence of minerals therein:

Provided that a person shall not carry out any works authorised by this subsection unless notice of his intention so to do has been included in the notice required by subsection (2) of this section, and if the land in question is held by any statutory undertakers and those undertakers object to the proposed works on the ground that the carrying out thereof would be seriously detrimental to the carrying on of their undertaking, the works shall not be carried out except with the authority of the appropriate Minister.

In this subsection the terms "appropriate Minister" and "statutory undertakers" have the same meanings as in section 113(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1947 c. 53. 1947.

(5) A person entering upon any land by virtue of this section may take with him such other persons as may be necessary, and on leaving any premises which he has so entered, being either unoccupied premises, or premises of which the occupier is temporarily absent, shall leave them as effectively secured against unauthorised entry as he found them.

(6) A person who wilfully obstructs any person acting in the exercise of his powers under this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction, in the case of a first offence, to a fine not exceeding £20 and, in the case of a second or subsequent offence, to a fine not exceeding £50.

11.—(1) The Board may by notice served on the owner or occupier of any land in the Highlands and Islands or on any person carrying on a business or undertaking therein require him to furnish them with such information as may be specified

Power to obtain information.

in the notice with regard to the land, business or undertaking and with regard to such other matters relating thereto, as the Board may reasonably require for the execution of such of their functions under this Act in relation to the land, business or undertaking as may be specified in the notice.

(2) Any owner, occupier or other person on whom a notice has been served under the last foregoing subsection may within one month of the service of the notice appeal to the sheriff on the ground that the information or any part thereof specified in the notice is not reasonably required by the Board for the execution of such of their functions under this Act in relation to the land, business or undertaking as may be specified in the notice, and the sheriff may make such order either confirming or quashing or varying the notice as he thinks fit.

In determining whether information is so reasonably required by the Board, the sheriff may take into account the probable cost or inconvenience to the person who has been required to furnish the information.

(3) If any person on whom a notice has been served under subsection (1) of this section—

- (a) fails without reasonable cause or neglects to furnish to the Board within three months after the service of the notice, or in the case where an appeal has been made under the last foregoing subsection, within three months after a decision on that appeal confirming or varying the notice, or of the abandonment of the appeal, the information specified in the notice or required by the decision of the sheriff to be given; or
- (b) in furnishing such information as aforesaid knowingly or recklessly furnishes any information which is false in a material particular,

he shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £50.

Restrictions
on disclosure
of information.

12.—(1) No information with respect to any land, business or undertaking which has been obtained by virtue of section 10 or 11 of this Act shall, without the consent of the owner and occupier of that land or, as the case may be, of the person carrying on that business or undertaking, be disclosed otherwise than for the purposes of the execution of this Act:

Provided that nothing in this subsection shall apply to any disclosure of information made for the purposes of any legal proceedings pursuant to this Act or any criminal proceedings, whether pursuant to this Act or not, or for the purposes of any report of any such proceedings.

(2) If any person discloses any information in contravention of this section, he shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding

three months or to a fine not exceeding £100 or to both, or on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine or to both.

13.—(1) The Board shall keep proper accounts and other records in relation to the accounts and shall prepare in respect of each of their financial years a statement of account in such form as the Secretary of State may, with the approval of the Treasury, determine. Accounts of the Board etc.

(2) The statement of account prepared by the Board for each financial year shall be submitted to the Secretary of State at such time as he may, with the approval of the Treasury, direct.

(3) The Secretary of State shall, on or before 30th November in any year, transmit to the Comptroller and Auditor General the statement of account prepared by the Board under this section for the financial year last ended.

(4) The Comptroller and Auditor General shall examine and certify the statement of account transmitted to him under this section and lay before Parliament copies of the statement of account together with his report thereon.

(5) The Board shall provide the Secretary of State with such information relating to their activities or proposed activities as he may from time to time require, and for that purpose shall permit any person authorised in that behalf by the Secretary of State to inspect and make copies of their accounts, books, documents or papers and shall afford to that person such explanation thereof as he may reasonably require.

(6) The provisions of section 10 of the Local Employment Act 1960 c. 18. 1960 (which relates to accounts of Management Corporations) shall not apply to any receipts of or payments by the Industrial Estates Management Corporation for Scotland on behalf of the Board when acting as agent for the Board under section 5(5) of this Act, but the provisions of subsections (7) and (8) of this section shall apply to such receipts or payments.

(7) The said Corporation shall, in respect of such receipts or payments, keep proper accounts and other records in relation to the accounts and prepare in respect of each financial year and send to the Board a statement of account in such form as the Secretary of State may, with the approval of the Treasury, determine.

(8) The provisions of subsections (2) to (4) of this section shall apply to the statement of account mentioned in the last foregoing subsection as they apply to the statement of account prepared by the Board under subsection (1) of this section.

(9) In this section, "financial year" means the period beginning with the commencement of this Act and ending with 31st March 1966, and each subsequent period of twelve months ending with 31st March.

Approval by
Secretary of
State and the
Treasury.

14.—(1) Any approval or consent required by this Act may be given in relation to a specific act of the Board or in relation to all acts of a class or description specified in the approval or consent, and may be given subject to such conditions as may be so specified.

1947 c. 53.

(2) Before granting approval to any development by the Board for which planning permission from a local planning authority or the Secretary of State, on an application in that behalf made to the local planning authority, would otherwise be required, the Secretary of State shall consult the local planning authority concerned, and any approval so granted shall have effect, and the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Acts 1947 to 1963 shall apply, as if it were planning permission granted by the Secretary of State under section 13 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1947, and as if any conditions to which the approval is subject, being conditions which could have been imposed by the Secretary of State under the said section 13, were conditions of that planning permission.

In this subsection “development”, “local planning authority” and “planning permission” have the meanings respectively assigned to them by the said Act of 1947.

Service of
notices.

15.—(1) Any notice for the purposes of this Act shall be in writing, and any notice required or authorised by this Act to be given to or served on any person shall be duly given or served if it is delivered to him or left at his proper address or sent to him by post by means of the recorded delivery service.

(2) Any such notice required or authorised to be given or served on a body corporate shall be duly given or served if it is given to or served on the secretary or clerk of the body.

1889 c. 63.

(3) For the purposes of this section and of section 26 of the Interpretation Act 1889 in its application to this section, the proper address of any person to or on whom any such notice as aforesaid is to be given or served shall in the case of the secretary or clerk of a body corporate, be that of the registered or principal office of the body, and in any other case be the last-known address of the person to be served.

Application
of Act to
Crown.

16. Notwithstanding any interest of the Crown in Crown land, the power to acquire land compulsorily under section 4 of this Act may, with the consent of the appropriate authority, be exercised in relation to any interest therein which is for the time being held otherwise than by or on behalf of the Crown.

In this section “Crown land” means land an interest in which belongs to Her Majesty in right of the Crown and land an interest in which belongs to a government department or is

held in trust for Her Majesty for the purposes of a government department, and "the appropriate authority" has the meaning assigned to it by section 83(6) of the Town and Country Planning 1947 c. 53. (Scotland) Act 1947; and the provisions of the said section 83(6) as to the determination of questions shall apply for the purposes of this section.

17.—(1) The Secretary of State may pay such sums in respect Expenses. of the expenses of the Board and the Council as he may, with the consent of the Treasury, determine.

(2) There shall be paid out of moneys provided by Parliament any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State under this Act.

18.—(1) In this Act unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation.

"function" includes power and duty;

"Highlands and Islands" means the area described in section 1(2) of this Act;

"land" includes land covered by water, salmon fishings and, in relation to the acquisition or disposal of land under section 4 of this Act, any right or interest in or over land;

"local authority" means a county council, town council or district council within the meaning of the Local 1947 c. 43. Government (Scotland) Act 1947.

(2) Any reference in this Act to any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended by or under any other enactment.

19.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Highlands and Islands Short title Development (Scotland) Act 1965. and extent.

(2) This Act, except in so far as it relates to the amendment of the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1957, shall 1957 c. 20. extend to Scotland only.

SCHEDULES

Section 1.

SCHEDULE 1

PROVISIONS AS TO THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT
BOARD*Constitution of the Board*

1. The Board shall be a body corporate and shall have a common seal.

2. The chairman and any deputy chairman shall cease to hold those offices on ceasing to be members of the Board.

3. The majority of the members of the Board, including in particular the chairman thereof, shall be engaged whole-time in the service of the Board.

4. Every member of the Board shall hold and vacate office in accordance with the terms of the instrument under which he is appointed, but notwithstanding anything in such an instrument any member of the Board may resign his office by a notice given under his hand to the Secretary of State, and a member of the Board who ceases to hold office shall be eligible for re-appointment to the Board.

5. If the Secretary of State is satisfied that a member of the Board—

- (a) has had his estate sequestrated or has made a trust deed for behoof of his creditors or a composition contract,
- (b) is incapacitated by reason of physical or mental illness,
- (c) has been absent from meetings of the Board for a period longer than three consecutive months without the permission of the Board, or
- (d) is otherwise unable or unfit to discharge the functions of a member of the Board, or is unsuitable to continue as a member,

the Secretary of State shall have power to remove him from office as a member of the Board.

1957 c. 20.

6. Part II of Schedule 1 to the House of Commons Disqualification Act 1957 (which specifies certain commissions, tribunals and other bodies, all members of which are disqualified under that Act) shall have effect, in its application to the House of Commons of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, as if after the entry relating to the Herring Industry Board there were inserted the following entry:—

“ The Highlands and Islands Development Board ”.

7. The Board—

- (a) shall pay to the members thereof such remuneration and such allowances as the Secretary of State may, with the approval of the Treasury, determine, and
- (b) as regards any members in whose case the Secretary of State may so determine with the approval of the Treasury, shall make provision for or pay to or in respect of them such pensions as may be so determined,

and if a person ceases to be a member of the Board and it appears to the Secretary of State that there are special circumstances which make it right that that person should receive compensation the Secretary of State may, with the approval of the Treasury, require the Board to pay to that person a sum of such amount as the Secretary of State may, with the approval of the Treasury, determine.

In this paragraph any reference to a pension includes a reference to a gratuity.

Meetings and Proceedings of the Board

8. The quorum of the Board shall be three or such larger number as the Board may from time to time determine.

9. The proceedings of the Board shall not be invalidated by any vacancy in the membership of the Board or by any defect in the appointment of any member thereof.

10. If at any meeting of the Board the votes are equally divided on any question, the person acting as chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

11.—(1) If a member of the Board has any pecuniary interest, direct or indirect, in any contract or proposed contract or other matter, and is present at a meeting of the Board at which the matter is the subject of consideration, he shall disclose the fact, and he shall not take part in consideration or discussion of, or vote on, any question with respect to the matter, but he may, nevertheless, be taken into account for the purpose of constituting a quorum of the Board for any such consideration of, or decision on, the matter.

(2) A general notice, given in writing by a member of the Board to the officer designated by the Board to receive it, stating that he is a member of or in the employment of a specified company or other body, or that he is a partner or in the employment of a specified person, shall, unless and until the notice is withdrawn, be deemed to be a sufficient disclosure of his interest in any matter relating to that company, body or person which may be the subject of consideration after the date of the notice.

(3) Any disclosure made under sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is made; and any notice given under sub-paragraph (2) thereof shall be recorded in a book to be kept for the purpose.

12. Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Schedule, the Board shall have power to regulate their own procedure and that of any committee appointed by them.

Office, officers and servants

13. The Board shall have an office in the Highlands and Islands at which communications and notices will be received.

14.—(1) The Board—

(a) may employ such officers and servants, and pay to them such remuneration and allowances as the Board may, with the approval of the Secretary of State and the Treasury, determine, and

(b) shall, in the case of such of their officers and servants as may be determined by the Board with the approval of the Secretary of State, pay to or in respect of them such pensions, or provide and maintain for them such pension schemes (whether contributory or not) as may be so determined.

(2) Where any officer or servant of the Board, being a participant in any pension scheme applicable to his employment, becomes a member of the Board, he may be treated for the purposes of the pension scheme as if his service as a member of the Board were service as an officer or servant employed by the Board, and his rights under the scheme shall not be affected by paragraph 7(b) of this Schedule.

(3) In this paragraph any reference to a pension includes a reference to a gratuity.

Instruments executed or issued by the Board

15. The application of the seal of the Board to any document shall be attested by at least one member of the Board and by the person for the time being acting as Secretary of the Board.

16. Every document purporting to be an instrument issued by the Board and to be sealed and attested as aforesaid or to be duly signed on behalf of the Board shall be received in evidence and shall be deemed to be such an instrument without further proof unless the contrary is shown.

Section 2.

SCHEDULE 2

PROVISIONS AS TO THE HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS DEVELOPMENT
CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL

Constitution of the Council

1. The Council shall consist of a chairman and such other members as the Secretary of State may appoint. The Council shall include members representative of local authority interests and such other interests as the Secretary of State may think fit, and in appointing members representative of local authority interests the Secretary of State shall satisfy himself that there is appropriate representation of the different parts of the Highlands and Islands including, in particular, the Orkney Islands, the Shetland Islands, the Outer Hebrides and the Inner Hebrides.

2. Before appointing to the Council a member representative of a particular interest, the Secretary of State shall consult such body or bodies as appear to him to be appropriate.

3. Every member of the Council shall hold and vacate office in accordance with the terms of the instrument under which he is appointed, but notwithstanding anything in such an instrument any member of the Council may resign his office by a notice given under his hand to the Secretary of State, and a member of the Council

who ceases to hold office shall be eligible for re-appointment to the Council.

4. The Council shall have power to act notwithstanding any vacancy in the membership of the Council.

5. Subject to any directions which may be given by the Secretary of State, the Council shall have power to regulate their own procedure.

6. The Board shall appoint a person employed by them to act as Secretary of the Council.

7. There shall be paid to Council members and persons attending meetings at the request of the Council such allowances as the Secretary of State may, with the approval of the Treasury, determine in respect of loss of earnings and travelling and subsistence expenses and in respect of any other expenses necessarily incurred by them for the purpose of enabling them to discharge their functions as members of the Council or to attend such meetings.

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