

THE OPERATION OF THE NORTH-SOUTH IMPLEMENTATION BODIES

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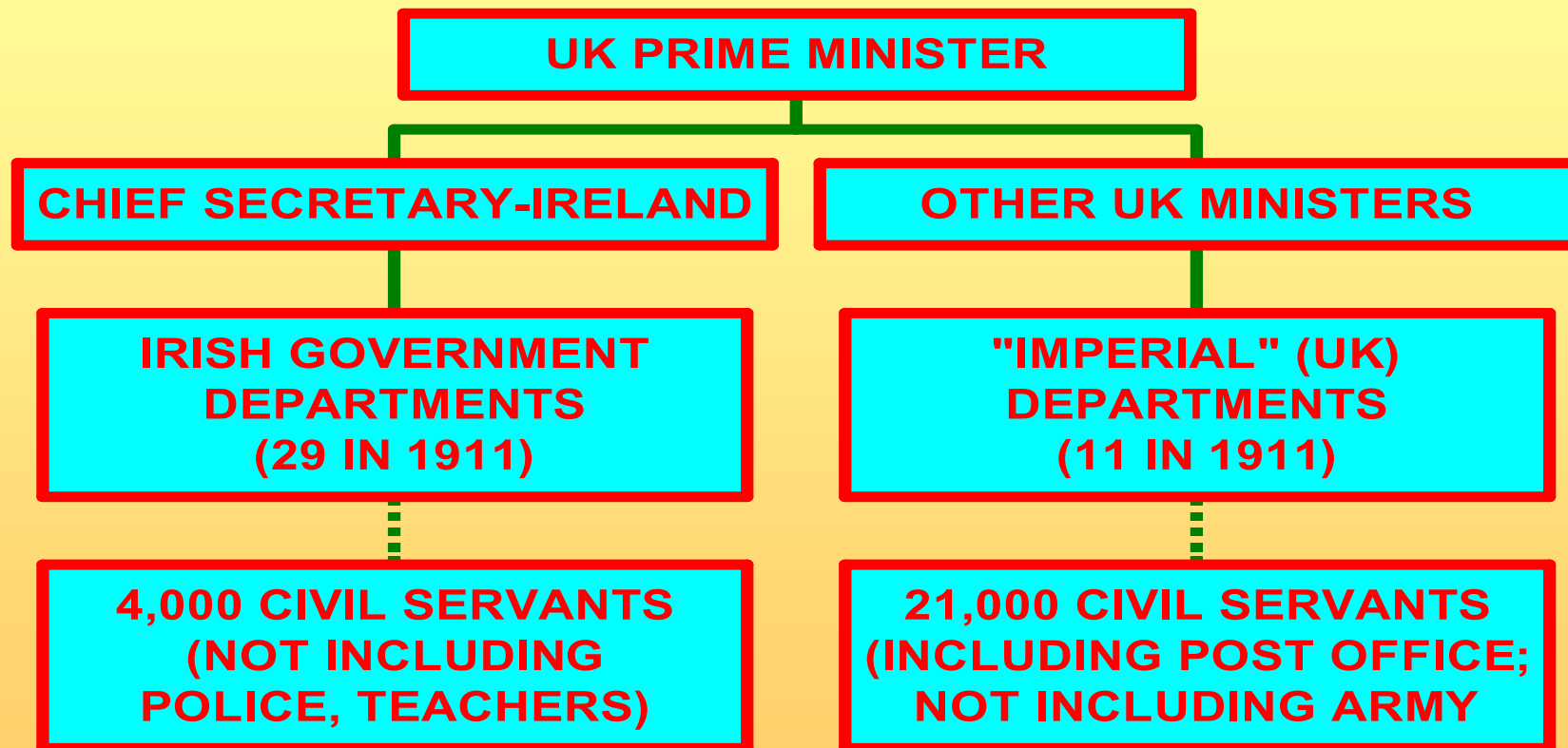


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POLITICAL BACKGROUND

HISTORICAL LEGACY: PRE-1922 IRISH CIVIL SERVICE



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POLITICAL BACKGROUND

IMPLEMENTING PARTITION

- **“Irish” responsibilities devolved to Northern Ireland and Southern Ireland, 1920-1921**
- **“Imperial” responsibilities granted to Irish Free State / Ireland, 1922-49 (except Commissioners of Irish Lights)**
- **Efforts to establish island-wide institutions fail, 1920-25, 1973-74**
- **New initiative succeeds, 1998**

POLITICAL BACKGROUND

A NEW BLUEPRINT, 1998

- **North/South Ministerial Council**
(in sectoral format: one minister from south, corresponding minister from NI, any minister from other tradition in NI)
- **N-S secretariat**
- **Six North-South “implementation bodies”**
- **Six areas for institutional cooperation**

OVERVIEW

IMPLEMENTING THE BLUEPRINT

- **Ministerial Council established, 1999
(suspended, 2002)**
- **N-S secretariat set up in Armagh**
- **Implementation bodies:**
 - **Four regular**
 - **One divided into two agencies**
 - **One “half established”
(difficulty with Irish Lights)**
- **Areas for institutional cooperation**
 - **One becomes de facto new body**

OVERVIEW

THE IMPLEMENTATION BODIES

- **Waterways Ireland**
- **Food Safety Promotion Board**
- **InterTrade Ireland**
- **Special EU Programmes Body**
- **Language Body**
 - **Irish language agency**
 - **Ulster Scots agency**
- **Foyle, Carlingford and Irish Lights Commission**
 - **Loughs agency**
 - **(Lights agency: suspended [CIL])**
- **(Tourism Ireland as de facto body)**

WATERWAYS IRELAND



**Headquarters:
Enniskillen**

Staff: 333

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SAFEFOOD



Headquarters: Cork
Staff: 29



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ON THE RIGHT
IS ALMOST
AS NUTRITIOUS.**

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INTERTRADE IRELAND



Headquarters: Newry

Staff: 42

SPECIAL EU PROGRAMMES BODY



Headquarters: Belfast

Staff: 44

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FORAS NA GAEILGE



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your link to the language

Headquarters: Dublin

Staff: 44

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ULSTER SCOTS AGENCY



Tha Boord o **Ulster**-Scotch
Ulster-**Scots** Agency

Headquarters: Belfast

Staff: 5

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LOUGHS AGENCY



Headquarters: Prehen

Staff: 41

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TOURISM IRELAND



**(not one of formal
implementation bodies)**

Staff: 142

POLITICAL CHALLENGES

- **STRUCTURAL ISSUES**
 - **Survival in context of continuing suspension (government problem)**
 - **Expansion of functions / area**
 - (a) without devolution**
 - (b) with devolution**
- **ISSUES OF LEGITIMACY**
 - **Unionist fears?**
 - **Nationalist hopes?**
 - **Southern indifference?**