



Government Chief Whip
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PRIME MINISTER

Government Changes

The minimum number of changes which must be made, following your decision to create a Department of Energy, is as follows:-

✓ Lord Carrington to be Secretary of State for Energy

~~Joe Godber~~ to be Secretary of State for Defence

✓ Ian Gilmour to be Minister of Agriculture, and to enter the Cabinet

✓ George Younger to be Minister of State for Defence

✓ ~~Edmund Taylor~~
Hamish Gray to be Under Secretary of State for Scotland

Patrick Jenkin to be Minister of State, Department of Energy

Tom Boardman to be Chief Secretary to the Treasury

David Howell to be Minister of State, Department of Energy

✓ Peter Emery to be Under Secretary of State, Department of Energy

This arrangement would be possible only if a Minister of State vacancy can be secured. I suggest therefore that ✓ Lord Drumalbyn should retire KBC and that Lord Aberdare should be appointed Minister without Portfolio and not be replaced at Minister of State level at DHSS.

Three other matters arise:-

1. You wish Eldon Griffiths to be given responsibility for dealing with the planning back log. This he can do in his present Department but must remain in his present rank as there is no room for more Ministers of State. His existing functions can be done by Hugh Rossi to be Under Secretary of State, Department of the Environment.

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2. Tony Royle wishes to retire. His place can be filled as follows:-
Peter Blaker to be Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs
Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal to be Under Secretary of State for
the Army
3. Tony Kershaw would make way. If you accept his offer to do so,
which I recommend, it would enable you to promote one back bencher,
Nicholas Scott..
The appointments would be :-

Dudley Smith to be Under Secretary of State for the RAF

Nicholas Scott to be Under Secretary of State, Department of
Employment

Pemphley Atkins

7th January 1974

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Agriculture

Godber
Stodart
Ferrers
Fenner

CSD

Windlesham
Johnson Smith
Scott ø

Defence

Gilmour +
Chataway *
Buck
Blaker
Grant *

Education

Howe *
Stevas
A Peer
Raison

Employment

Whitelaw
Griffiths *+
Smith

Energy

Carrington *
Younger *+
Howell *
Emery *

Environment

Thatcher *
Peyton
Channon
Dean *+
Speed
Baker *
Rossi *+
Young

F & CO

Douglas Home
Rippon * /
Wood
Amery
Balniel
Tweedsmuir
Morrison ø

Health & SS

Joseph
A Peer
Alison
Eyre *

Home

Carr
Carlisle
Colville
Lane

Northern Ireland

Pym
van Straubenzee
Belstead
Mills

Posts & Tels

Eden

Scotland

Buchanan Smith *+
Polwarth
Monro
Macarthur ø or Gilmour ø
Gray *+ or Sproat ø

Trade and Industry

Walker
Boardman
Helseltine
Onslow
Limerick
Tugendhat ø

Treasury

Barber
Macmillan
Jenkin
Higgins
Nott

Wales

Thomas
Edwards ø

Min. Without
Portfolio

Aberdare

TO RETIRE

Campbell
Davies
Chichester Clark
Gibson Watt
Page
Drumalbyn
Kershaw
Royle

= Cabinet Rank

- * : Change of Post
- + : Promotion
- ø : Promotion from back benches
- / : To be Ch/Duchy of Lancaster

E.R.

Lord Carrington - Dinner at the Turf Club

Ian Gilmour - 560 6769

George Younger 078 686 274 or 078 682 2192

Patrick Jenkin Dinner - 588 2800

Tom Boardman Office or flat (222 6793)

David Howell 730 6873

Peter Emery 222 6666 - may be late

Lord Drumablyn 222 6930

Lord Aberdare Dining at Brookes's from 7.15 (Private Party with
Reggie Graham)

Eldon Griffiths Grand Hotel, Bristol from 9.30 p.m.

Tony Royle Country address 0285 86 208

Peter Blaker 589 6827

Lord Strathcona Argyll Colonsay 1

Tony Kershaw London 222 1193

Nicholas Scott Home Office or 828 3823

Dudley Smith Office or 603 5640