

FALKLAND ISLANDS: LORD SHACKLETON'S REPORT

1. In 1975 the British Government commissioned an economic study by Lord Shackleton in order to determine the prospects for and the best means to achieve the development and diversification of the Islands' economy. The survey team included experts on fisheries, oil and wool, which were regarded as the main areas of potential development. Published in 1976 Lord Shackleton's report recommended a number of major capital projects, including the establishment of a tourist industry, the enlargement of the airport and the development of a fishing industry and offshore oil and gas production.

2. In July 1979 a list of the report's recommendations was published in Hansard, together with an account of action taken on them. Although this was nearly three years ago this list remains accurate and I attach the appropriate Hansard.

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