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Fire Brigade

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1.

C.S.

Ref (276) Mr Stewart is taking a keen interest in the Fire Brigade and has produced a report which is with the Supt. of Works. He is going around looking at buildings from a safety point of view and is keeping an eye on the difficulties of reaching a fire in the houses beyond the sea of mud at the YPF fuel station. I give him every encouragement and a sympathetic ear.

Good

2. Para 4 of the Ordinance says "...shall appoint a Superintendent for the routine administration of the Brigade" Stewart wishes to know how far his powers go regarding fire prevention eg McPhee his assistant was keeping an eye on the off loading of drummed petrol from the Cabo san Gonzalo and discovered it was to be left in a dangerous position. Stewart contacted the Police and had the situation remedied. He is concerned ~~over~~ his powers and does not want to over-step the mark but if he has to find a Policeman every time he wishes to draw someone's attention to a hazard or to enforce the law then time is wasted. He has been looking at the security of the Town Hall and having the Exit lights replaced.

Good

3. Somewhere Ted Clapp was appointed Government Fire Officer and we should do this for Stewart? We could charge him with looking into the fire fighting equipment of all Government buildings and submitting a report.

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2.

DCS.
1. Thank you. As S suggests I think s.4 could be expanded to cover the point. Will you pl. do this in collaboration w. RSC?

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CS

2 Action proceeding. Meanwhile 4 was in the previous volume and was overlooked. 30/6/75

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~~4~~ 4.

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14?
Yes

C.S.

The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade Mr. P. McPhee, came to see me on the 19th June regarding our commuted offer of £2.00 to McPhee for week-end flights. They both consider £2.00 a day to be insufficient bearing in mind:-

2. (i) McPhee is the man carrying the responsibility.
(ii) The two other assistants who man the fire tender, are on time and a half on Saturdays and double time on Sundays and public holidays, and earn £5.90 for a Saturday flight and £7.10 for a Sunday flight.
3. McPhee and the Superintendent of the Brigade said that something like five hours work is involved icw flights at the week-end from the time that McPhee is told that the flight is on until the end of his duties.
4. I asked Stewart and McPhee what they thought would be a reasonable rate for week-end duties and they thought £1.00 an hour for about five hours a flight.
5. I have checked with the Public Works Office and they have given me figures which show that the hourly paid assistant, whose rate is 64.5p per hour (single time) are paid £5.90 for a Saturday flight and £7.10 per Sunday or public holiday flights. The average duration of week-end flights is 5½ hours.
6. This means that McPhee at £1.00 per hour for five hours at a week-end would be paid less than his assistants, who do not have the responsibility for making decisions or taking action should an accident occur.
7. It looks, in the light of the above, that McPhee should be paid at least £6.00 a flight as his assistants are paid £5.90 or £7.10 depending on the day.
8. McPhee claims that payment should also be made for public holidays - this I think is fair enough as I know that flights have taken place for the last two years on the Queen's Birthday, and I believe there was a flight this year on New Year's Day.

D.C.S.
23.6.75

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D.C.S.

I have looked back through previous papers as I was under the impression that we had agreed that an honorarium would be the most appropriate way of dealing with this matter.

However, whether it is a commuted allowance or an honorarium, I agree that it should be realistic and am prepared to accept your recommendation in para 7 of 4. Presumably on these figures the allowance will be paid as a commuted allowance or as an honorarium and not on actual visits to the airfield. This is the whole point.

While on this subject, will you please investigate:-

1. If it is necessary for two assistants to accompany McPhee on each and every occasion. I should think one would be sufficient.
2. That the officers concerned do not return to Stanley in the fire engine for lunch between incoming and outgoing flights. They should - particularly as they are being paid for the entire period - be required to take their lunch with them. This would also cut down wear and tear on the Landrover.

Clapp at (21) |
in TNC/33/1
says 4 men.
Driver
on Nozzle & Hose
Supply Team

Spoken to Stewart
who is considering 2.7.75

A.J.P.M.
1.7.75

6.

RSC

Ref 1 & 2. Pl advise on the extent we can go re Stewart's powers under our law:

2/7/75

1.

C. S.,

If the Superintendent is to be given greater responsibility than the "routine administration of the Brigade" the word "routine" should be deleted from section 4 of Stanley Town Public Services Ordinance.

2. Under section 4 the Governor may prescribe the powers and functions of certain officers but the method of prescribing such powers etc. is not stated.

3. The law does not prevent the appointment of Mr. Stewart as "Government Fire Officer".

4. Any wider authority to be given to the Superintendent must be given either under section 4 of sec 10 (regulations). Such authority could include inter alia the abatement of fire hazards.

8. B.

7. 11. 75.

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C.S.

and draft at (277)

Ref 2 and 1. The situation has changed considerably since ⁽²⁷⁶⁾ ~~it~~ was submitted and the draft letter prepared.

I understand you have had a discussion with the 3 senior members of the Brigade

2/7/75

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C.S. Please see front cover.

There is no 10

9.

C.S.

Ref. (293) We spoke briefly on this last week before the file went to G.H.

I suggest the SPW who is the Head of the Department concerned with the Fire Brigade makes the broadcast, as his eloquent exposition at the recent Heads of Departments meeting as to what the PWD are doing to improve Fire Brigade matters, deserved a larger audience.

DM 28/7

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DCS

Will you kindly detail a member of the staff here to supervise fire instructions, training and precautions for the Secretariat. You should also follow up 291 to enquire what action has been taken by Heads of Departments and also keep track of action consequent on 288. 281

2. I am anxious not to lose the present impetus in connection with fire precautions. The next step is to get the pamphlets printed and issued. This also, I think, should be accompanied by some form of announcement.

New 251
in Pol/31/1

CS
6.8.75

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C.S.

The Supt of the Fire Brigade came to see about some points that are still outstanding.

- 1) Payment to McPhee for week-end flights
- 2) Authority to sign fuel requisitions.
- 3) The return of the fire tender from the airport with the crew for their mid-day meal.

2. I think we have more or less agreed on 1).

- 1 / thought this was needed
- ✓ 3. The Supt. of the Fire Brigade is having difficulties in getting someone in the PWD to sign fuel requisitions and this came to a head after the practice the other day. It is essential that the reserve fuel cans are filled and ready for use.

✓ 12

I see no reason why the Supt of PWD who is responsible for the vote cannot authorise the Supt. of the Fire Brigade to requisition for petrol up to a certain number of gallons a month. If there is need to go beyond this then the Supt of the Fire Brigade would have to make a case. This method would still give SPW control over the expenditure of funds on petrol.

✓ I suggest we proceed accordingly.

4. The question raised by SFC members of the return to Stanley of the Fire Tender has not been overcome yet. The crew say they want to come to town for a hot meal. The Agricultural Dept vehicle does not stay down ~~there~~. The Supt of Fire Brigade says the Police cannot help as they bring other persons to Town. I suggest a memo to CPO asking if he can help.

The only alternatives are for yet another PWD vehicle; the Tender comes to Town; the crew stay down; or we see if LADE can help.

12th 28.8.75

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C.J.

Pl see 11 above

2. This file has been cleared of other suspect matter that has obscured important matters such as (281). ~~and~~
I've taken action on most matters in (281) with exception of the letter to FCO; draft of 28th 3/9

H.E. the Governor

Y.E.

When we were looking into the need to do something fairly urgently about the Fire Brigade a few weeks ago one of the matters proposed by the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade was that we should seek Technical Assistance to advise on the operation of the Fire Brigade and to make recommendations for its future running.

2. I believe that urgent as it is to do something for the Fire Brigade it would over-burden FCO and ourselves to seek yet another expert at this stage, particularly as many of his recommendations would relate, not perhaps to the Fire Brigade and fire equipment per se, but rather to the availability of water which is mainly an infrastructural question rather than one for the Fire Brigade itself.

3. Perhaps a way round this problem is that we ask FCO to point out to the Study Team the present fire danger that exists in Stanley and ask them to bear this in mind during their investigation. They could use the Harmer Report as a base on which to start.

X ✓

Y ✓

Z ✓

CS
8.9.75

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b.s.
I agree fully with
"X", "Y" and "Z" in 13
above.

he should mention this
in our comprehensive letter to the
J.C.O. at the end of the
month ^{is} covering the Ref.
to be submitted by individual
(Councilors)

WJ 8/9

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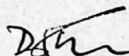
16th May 1975

Mr R Stewart
Stanley

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint you as Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, with effect from the 5th May 1975.

Yours faithfully,



(D R Morrison)
for CHIEF SECRETARY.

cc Treasury
SPW
P/995

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Stanley,
24 June 1975.

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Dear Sir,

275 I refer to your letter appointing me Superintendent of the Fire Brigade. Ordinance No. 6/73 does not in my mind clearly define the jurisdiction I have over fire prevention as opposed to fire fighting. I shall be grateful if my powers and functions could be more clearly defined in accordance with section 4 of Ordinance No. 6/73.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. Stewart".

R Stewart
Supt. Fire Brigade.

The Chief Secretary,
Stanley.

TN 433/1



18th, June, 1975.

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From: Superintendent Fire Brigade.

To:- Chief Secretary,
Stanley.

Report. Stanley Fire Brigade.

- I. On the 1st of May, 1975, I was asked to take charge of the Stanley Fire Brigade, this I did with mixed feelings, I felt at the time that I was being picked from the bottom of the barrel, I felt that there was others who have more experience than I at fire fighting and administration to fill the post.
Before proceeding with this report, I would like to express my thanks to Mr Ted Clapp for all the work he has done for the Brigade and the general public, also for the help and advice given to me.
After I had taken over the post, I decided to call a meeting of the senior members of the Fire Brigade, to discuss some questions that I had on my mind for some time, also to give the members a chance to bring forward any problems they have in their respective units.
2. I.a. As a result of this meeting, I have decided that a number of changes will have to be made.
 1. To train the members of the crews on all operations of the unit, and discontinue the practice of one man to one task.
 2. A reshuffle of crew members, that is any members staying as close to the unit as possible.
 3. That there will be three or four fire practices and one general fire alarm a year, dates of fire practices to be decided at a later date.
 4. It was decided to reform the hydrant crews as part of the firefly units to keep these supplied with water at all times, also to include to other men to act as hose layers and to mark and replace any damaged hoses.
 5. It is proposed to return the No.2. pump unit to the East Station adjacent to the B.A.S. Garage, at present it is stationed at the Central Station.
3. I.a. I have made an inspection of fire boxes in Stanley, and that a number of hoses are rotten or the couplings are damaged beyond repair, this could prove serious to the Brigade for at present we do not have sufficient hoses to spare to replace these.
2.b. There are a number of hoses lying at the Central Station and the handyman's workshop, which have been waiting to be repaired, I understand from the handyman that there is no repair kit, or any spare couplings for these hoses, he tells me that he asked for them several months previously, this is a very serious problem and stress that there should be no further delay in replacing these items.

4. The Fire Brigade has at its service:-

1.a. I Landrover firefly self contained unit, which has given the brigade good service over the past years, I consider this unit to be in good condition.

2.b. I Landrover self contained foam unit, this unit is valued highly by the fire service, for fighting oil fires or anyother highly inflammable materials, because of its foam making compound, at the moment this unit has a faulty engine if a replacement is not found soon this unit would be out of service for an indefinate period, if this were to happen the fire service would lose the biggest fire fighting power.

3.c. 2 Coventry Climax portable pumps, trailer type. These pumps I think are in very good condition.

4.d. 2 Coventry Climax trailer pumps. These two pumps are now approximately 35 years old, and I understand that if these these pumps were to be used in a major outbreak of fire they would not stand up to very much pressure, I consider that these pumps are of no further value to the fire brigade.

5.e. FORD LORRY. I understand that this lorry is in good condition, its roll in the service is to carry a supply of hoses to the scene of the fire and anyother material required.

5. It is taken from my survey of the fire fighting equipment that we have lost at least 40% of our fire fighting power, I would recommennd that Government select a board to survey our fire service, to report to you the full extent of our requirements.

6. Members felt that there should be a reduction ontheir telephone fees, I therefore recommend that Government reconsider a 50% reduction on telephones for the following members:-

Stewart. R.	Superintendent Fire Brigade.
Mcphee. P.	Assistant Superintendent.
Summers. P.G.	Captain Central Station.
Whitney. W.	Captain. Firefly No.1.
Johnson. P.	Captain. Firefly No.2.
Summers. K.	Captain. East Station.

Also Mr Jimmy Alazia who is standby assistant Superintendent, who is called in when a third hand is required for serious chimney fires.

NOTE. At all chimney fires, the only members who attend at any time of the day or night is, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and the standby Assistant when required.

7. The members of the Stanley Volunteer Fire Brigade, over the Years have given good service to the public, and will continue to do so, with the introduction of larger supplies of highly inflammable fuels it is important that the men of the fire fighting service are supplied with ~~and~~ machines and other fire fighting equipment that is 100% efficient.

Now may be the time for Government to consider when getting rid off our obsolete pumps to improve the service with a larger fire engine.

Attached to this report is a copy of the Workshop Supervisors report on the mechanical condition of our machines.

R. Stewart.

Superintendent Fire Brigade.

B. J. Lunnell.

Superintendent Public Works.

Copy to:- Superintendent Public Works.

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MEMORANDUM.

COPY.

17th, June, 1975.

From:- Workshop Supervisor.

To:- Superintendent Firebrigade.

Report on Fire Engines.

2 Coventry Climax trailor pumps.

These pumps are very old and are obsolete. They would not stand up to hours of pumping if required at a large fire. They are not reliable and should be replaced with new pumps. These pumps are ex-army and came to the Falklands in early 1940's.

2 Coventry Climax portable trailer pumps.

These pumps are in good condition.

1 Landrover firefly self contained unit.

This unit is in good condition.

1 Landrover selfcontained foam unit. This unit ceased up at the Sullivan House fire. The engine needs all internal parts renewing, or a new engine on an exchange scheme. Something should be done about this engine as soon as possible, otherwise this unit is going to be out of commission.

FORD LORRY.

This lorry is in good condition and is alright for the job it has to do, carrying the hoses and towing a fire pump.

With firehazards increasing every day in Stanley I think Government should think along the lines of getting a big self contained fire engine.



(4.30)

STANLEY FIRE BRIGADE

Apk this afternoon (5)
38/100 Remy Clarke
P. Summers
R. Clapp

Record of General Meeting held on Friday 4th July, 1975

Twenty two members attended the meeting and were unanimous in their concern at the very poor attendance and lack of interest shown by other members and also by other members of the community who were quite able to join.

It was obvious from the comments of the members present that they were very dissatisfied with the condition of the present equipment and the lack of interest shown by the retiring Superintendent to endeavour to obtain replacements.

The following is a summary of main items discussed:-

1 The hoses now available for the use in the event of a fire are all old and the condition of some very doubtful. No new hoses have been purchased for some years, the last was thought to be around 1965.

2 Fire pumps are all also old the newest being 10 years old and now with one Firefly unit out of action we are really in a bad way.

3 The Breathing apparatus is also quite old and it is considered that an endeavour should be made for these to be tested in some way.

4 It was considered that the maintenance of Fire Brigade equipment has always been treated too lightly in the past it is recommended that a full time person should be appointed to look after the engines and other equipment. This was a full time appointment in the late 1940's and early 1950's.

The Fire Brigade is or could be called on to attack a serious outbreak at any time and has to rely on old and worn-out equipment, The Brigade is expected to answer calls from Moody Brook to the air field. We have on many occasions been called to fires in the Moody Brook area by the Marine and Naval authorities.

It was understood that the previous Chief Secretary had offered UK funds to supply the Brigade with more equipment which was turned down by Mr. Clapp.

It was proposed that The Supt. of The Fire Brigade Mr Stewart, together with the Capt of The Central Station Mr. P.G. Summers and Mr. R.T. Clarke the Brigade Mechanic should form a delegation to meet the Chief Secretary and put forward our points. It was also suggested that perhaps all unit Captain should attend as well, but this suggestion was not as widely supported as the first one made by Mr. Ken Summers the Capt. of the East end unit.

It is recommended that a siren should be placed in the Davis Street area, the Supt. advised that sirens were expected shortly, these had now been on order for a long time.

6 It was proposed that Government should form a Fire Brigade Committee as provided for in the Ordinance.

7 Members also queried what compensation they could expect if injured while fighting a fire. They were advised that the Brigade did carry an insurance cover but no one knew for how much.

8 It was proposed that if Government have any spare fire extinguishers these might well be very useful placed in houses along Davis Street the area furthest away from the water.

It was considered that the provisions under the Fire Brigade Ordinance were not sufficient and it was recommended that the Ordinance should be reviewed.

9 It was also asked whether Government Employees would still be released without loss of wages to attend Fire practices as in the past. It

It was also recommended that Government should also negotiate with other employers for the release of employees to attend practices.

It was proposed that the items most urgently required by the Brigade was hoses and accessories, equipment for repairing hoses, it was also proposed that an endeavour should be made to obtain a new complete unit, and also possibly another one or two portable units.

Members considered that Legislation should be made compelling all dwellings etc to have at least one fire extinguisher.

It was also considered that some provision should be made in the Ordinance to cover compensation for damage to clothing of Fire Brigade members damaged whilst fire fighting.

It was considered that Government should revert to the system whereby Fire Brigade Officers were given assisted telephones.

A check to be made whether the instructions in the Telephone Exchange for an outbreak of fire be amended if necessary.

The main purpose of the meeting was to reform the units, owing to the poor attendance it was agreed to leave this in abeyance until more ~~members~~ members were available. It was then agreed that until further notice all members would attend at the Central Station on the sounding of the alarm.

The urgency of the matter was stressed by the meeting and members asked that a reply regarding equipment be received from Government with as little delay as possible. Some members even suggesting with an 7 days obtain

It is recommended that it might be possible for Government to/from the United Kingdom on Technical Assistance terms a qualified person to ~~make~~ examine and ~~make~~ recommendations regarding the future of the Brigade. With the even increasing risks now at hand - installation of the Y P F fuel depot and also the proposed gas installations this would be a worthwhile investigation.

If a fire was to occur in the area of the new fuel depot the Brigade has nothing with which to even start to attack such a fire, we only have a very limited amount of foam.

The members attending the meeting asked for the point to be stressed that we are a completely Voluntary Brigade.

The following is a list of the main fire appliances and their age:=-

Coventry Climax	1941 ¹⁹⁴¹	ex Civil Defence	qty	2
"	1959	small	Qty	1
"	1962	small	"	1
Landrover Firefly unit	1962		*	1
* " " "	1972	foam unit	"	1

Bord Lorry - Used as a tender for hoses and attached to Central Station unit. 1945 model approx

4 trailers.

Prevention - now.

Are fire extinguishers available? FIC should retain stocks

Educators.

NOTE

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DISCUSSION ON 8TH JULY WITH R. STEWART, SUPT. FIRE BRIGADE,
P.G. SUMMERS AND R. CLARKE

Discussion on report of Supt. Fire BrigadeGENERAL

The membership of the Brigade is low and the attendance at meetings poor. There seems to be a general lack of interest stemming from the inadequate management of the Brigade by the previous superintendent.

2. The new Superintendent has fostered a new spirit among the members and is looking for ways to increase their number. He is most concerned with the present situation and particularly with the condition of equipment.

3. Particular matters requiring attention

- i Hoses: Much of the hose is old. The Supt. estimates he requires a total hose of 32,000 ft. At today's prices this would cost in the order of £15,000.

ACTION REQUIRED: Identify:

Action taken
Dhr

- a) how much hose is in usable condition: and
 b) the key requirements, probably for hose for Firefly and lorry.
 c) Ascertain whether the usable hose can be matched up with the requirements at (b) and decide on how much needs to be ordered immediately.

- ii Fire Pumps: The Brigade has 4 pumps: 2 trailer type (1941) and 2 portable type (1959 and 1962.)

iii Other Appliances:

2 Landrover Firefly Units (with foam unit), (1962 & 1972) and a lorry (1945)

Engine for one Firefly unit has already been ordered.

Action taken

ACTION: Further investigation to be made. No great urgency if the second Firefly unit can be put into action.

- iv Breathing Apparatus: Unusable because the mask is out of crystals (which should be used once only)

SPW instructed
accidly

ACTION: Find out from manufacturer the type of crystal and duration, and order.

4. Full-time fireman/maintenance engineer to look after engines, hoses, static hose boxes, water take-off points, obstructions, grease engines, check water supplies, and advise on prevention under Superintendent.

5. Siren: This is to be placed in Davis Street. Has been on order from Crown Agents since 1974.

ACTION: Chase Crown Agents again.

6. Fire Brigade Committee: Proposed that a committee should be formed as provided for in the Ordinance.

ACTION: This is a very low priority. The Supt. and his

Reminder
sent

Captains are seized with the problem and it is better to use them for the time being. We can, at leisure, look if a committee is required and, if it is not, amend the Ordinance.

7. Insurance Cover and Compensation

ACTION: Ask RSC. FS and SPW to check insurance cover

8. Extinguishers in Private Houses

ACTION: Supt. to enquire from stores and government if any are available.

9. Release of Government and Private employees for fire duties to attend practices, etc.

ACTION: Letter by CS

10. Tighten up legislation to compel all dwellings to have at least one fire extinguisher.

ACTION: Immediately this would form part of fire-fighting campaign (see para 14 below)

Shortly the Ordinance should be looked at with a view to amendment.

11. Assisted Telephones for Fire Brigade Officers

ACTION: Senior officers should be granted this concession immediately. Consult with FS and APM

12. Fire Instructions in Telephone Exchange

ACTION: APM to liaise with Supt of Brigade and prepare new regulations.

13. Technical Assistance Adviser

ACTION: DCS to write to FCO for a qualified person to examine and make recommendations concerning the future of the Brigade. He should be experienced in handling liquid fuel fires.

14. Fire Prevention

ACTION: Supt. and SPW immediately to look into question of material for broadcasting and printing to alert householders and office managers to the need for:-

- a) short but effective fire instructions;
- b) adequate fire-fighting appliances;
- c) action on how to contain fires;
- d) how to call for assistance;
- e) any other matters that can be taken in advance to minimise the hazards of fires.

15. During this finger-crossing period this is undoubtedly the most important aspect to concentrate on, and it must be embarked upon straight away.

SPW asked
to investigate

Im written to

Action taken

Chief
~~XXXXXXXX~~

10th July, 1975

Our Ref: TNC/33/1

To: Superintendent of Public Works

cc Superintendent of Fire Brigade

Stanley Fire Brigade

Arising from our recent discussions and report on the Fire Brigade by the Superintendent, it is clear that we should take urgent action as indicated by you to do everything possible. First, to improve the standard of fire prevention in all premises and second rehabilitate the equipment of the Brigade. The purpose of this letter is to deal with the first point, the fire prevention activities and I propose, for your urgent consideration, please, that we should proceed on the following lines:-

1. Mount a campaign to publicise the need for fire precautions including the printing of pamphlets, announcements over the broadcasting system dealing with the need for each house to be equipped with a fire appliance and also giving instructions on how to contain fires once they start, particularly chimney fires.
2. Arrange for visits by either the Superintendent or one of his staff in collaboration with Mr. Hewitt to ensure that all Government fire fighting appliances are properly serviced.
3. To advise and publish in each Government office succinct and clear fire instructions probably on the lines of the following:-

"In case of fire, shout 'fire', leave the building immediately closing doors and windows behind you. Do not stop to collect your personal belongings. Assemble at ".

If these matters could be attended to quickly, I think we would go a long way to allay much of the fears that I and you share with the public and the members of the Fire Brigade.

I am grateful to you for your report on the fire fighting equipment and I shall write to you separately about this.

A.J.P. Monk

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EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING NO. 9/75
HELD ON FRIDAY, 11TH JULY 1975.

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19.7 Stanley Fire Brigade

The newly appointed Superintendent of the Stanley Fire Brigade (Mr. R. Stewart) had submitted a report to the Chief Secretary setting out the inadequacies of the present fire-fighting equipment in the town. Mr. Stewart has since been asked for a further report identifying exactly what is required in order of priority. The position is being regarded as extremely serious. In the meantime it is hoped to mount a publicity campaign to educate the public into an awareness of the danger of fire in Stanley and of the emergency steps which can be taken to combat it. A paper on this subject is to be prepared for consideration at the next meeting of Council.

G. G. G.
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Ref: TNC/33/1

19 August 1975

Supt. Public Works,
Stanley.

Will you please arrange a Fire Demonstration with possibly a mock fire (if this can be done with safety) during the week commencing 25th August.

2. Will you please let me know the date and time arranged so that His Excellency and Councillors can attend.

3. This is in place of the original demonstration which was scheduled for September.

A J P Monk
Chief Secretary

TNC/33/1

20th August, 1975

Chief Secretary

Superintendent of Public Works

FIRE DEMONSTRATION

I write again following my letter of 19th August about the fire demonstration which you are to arrange next week.

His Excellency has now let me know that he would like this demonstration repeated at approximately six monthly intervals. Would you kindly arrange for this to be noted by the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade. I attach an extra copy of this memo in case you wish to send it on to Mr. Stewart.

A.J.P. Monk

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3rd September, 1975

Chief Secretary

Superintendent of Public Works


c.c. Registrar Supreme Court

INSURANCE COVER AND COMPENSATION

Please look into the question, with Registrar Supreme Court, of insurance cover and compensation for Fire Brigade members and let me know the outcome.

Reply at (291)

For


D.A. Morrison
CHIEF SECRETARY

289 (14)
3rd September, 1975

Chief Secretary

Acting Postmaster

c.c. Superintendent Fire Brigade

NEW INSTRUCTIONS IN TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

Please liaise with the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade and prepare new instructions.

2. I suggest that when the new Telephone Directory is prepared, instructions are printed in a prominent place in the Directory.

For D. B. Harrison
CHIEF SECRETARY

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3rd September, 1975

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Chief Secretary

Financial Secretary

Please note for next S.F.C. Meeting the question of reduced telephone rentals for the following Fire Brigade Officers:-

Superintendent
Assistant Superintendent

For


D. R. Morrison
CHIEF SECRETARY

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No PWD/033

MEMORANDUM

It is requested that in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.

22nd September 19 75

TO: Chief Secretary

FROM: Supt. Public Works.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

INSURANCE COVER AND COMPENSATION.

I have looked into the question, with Registrar Supreme Court, of insurance cover and compensation for Fire Brigade members, and although Mr. Bennett has told me that no claim has ever been made for compensation since the Fire Brigade has been in existence it would be good policy to obtain insurance cover for the possibility of such a claim.

Observations/instructions are awaited, please.

B. Turner

Supt. Public Works.

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING NO. 12/75
HELD ON THURSDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER 1975.

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2.9 STANLEY FIRE BRIGADE

His Excellency the Governor and the Chief Secretary had recently witnessed a demonstration by the Brigade. The enthusiasm of members was admirable, but the demonstration exposed the need to replace defective and suspect equipment. It was suggested that Honourable Members might also witness a demonstration after the Brigade had had further practice.

G. Gowing
CLERK OF COUNCIL

TNC/33/1

25th November, 1975

Chief Secretary

Superintendent of Public Works

FIRE BRIGADE MEMBERS

I enclose the Personal Accident Insurance Policy for the Fire Brigade.

In consultation with the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, please advise on the adequacy of the number of firemen insured and if the \$5,000 per capita is sufficient.

Reply at - (304)

D. R. Morrison
for CHIEF SECRETARY

31st December, 1975

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Chief Secretary

Mr. R. Stewart

c.c. Superintendent of Works

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I refer to my letter of 16th May appointing you as Superintendent of the Stanley Fire Brigade.

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2. To assist you in the discharge of your duties I attach a Schedule of the main duties attaching to the post of Superintendent.

3. I should like to take this opportunity to re-emphasise Government's appreciation of the work you are doing and the great importance of this to the Colony.

4. You will also like to know that, in order to sustain public interest in, and concern over, the question of fires in Stanley, I have instructed the Information Officer to liaise with you to devise a continuing publicity campaign, utilising mainly the Government Broadcasting Service but any other effective means as well.

5. I have stressed the need to relate this campaign to the provision of fire-fighting appliances by householders. In this connection, commercial organisations will obviously need some indication of the number of appliances they should procure, and I have, therefore, instructed that one aspect of the campaign should aim at encouraging householders to order the appropriate fire-fighting appliances through stores that deal in them. Probably the only store will be the F.I.S. but the campaign will not mention any firm by name as other firms might be interested.

6. I hope too that the campaign can offer advice to householders as to the type of extinguishers or other appliances that are suitable. This would impose an extra task on you and your staff and I am reluctant to refer to this without an assurance that it can be given. I am most conscious of the heavy burden you and your staff already carry so willingly, and I should not like to impose further on your capability without proper consultation with you. If, therefore, this would, please do not hesitate to say so and perhaps you will kindly get in touch with me to see what can be done.

Chief Secretary

SUPERINTENDENT OF STANLEY FIRE BRIGADEMAIN DUTIES

1. To act as Government's Fire Officer
2. To supervise the inspection of Government properties in Stanley and Camp and to check on their security against fire and to make recommendations for equipment as necessary.
3. To train the Stanley Fire Brigade
4. Safeguard the equipment belonging to the Stanley Fire Brigade, and to liaise with PWD to arrange for its regular care and maintenance.
5. To supervise the Fire Brigade handyman in his duties of checking and replenishing fire appliances.
6. To carry out periodical checks to ensure that chimneys in Government houses are swept properly and at the correct intervals.

The PWD remains responsible for the upkeep of the vehicles, therefore close liaison should be maintained between the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade and the department.

2. The Fire Officer is authorised to take action on his own initiative in all cases where he considers that persons or property are in danger by fire. Similarly he is authorised to report instances where property constitutes a fire hazard. He may also bring these matters to the attention of the owner or occupier and instruct them accordingly.
3. The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade should submit a Report on the operations and state of the Brigade annually at the end of each calendar year.

C. S. Draftak
T. R. H.

Pat McKeever
Holiday 24/12



Ref: TNC 33/1

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
STANLEY,
FALKLAND ISLANDS.

22 December 1975

Superintendent
Public Works Department
Stanley

Dear Sir,

I attach a draft of the main duties for the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade which I propose to issue to Mr Stewart with a covering letter.

2. Will you please study the schedule and let me have your comments.

Yours ever

A J P Monk
Chief Secretary

26th January

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Chief Secretary

Superintendent of Fire Brigade

c.c. Superintendent of Public Works

FIRE ENGINE AT HOOKER'S POINT AIRSTRIP

At a Meeting of Standing Finance Committee on Friday 23rd January, Councillors enquired if it would not be more appropriate for the Fire Engine to be sited on the hard standing adjacent to the hangar. They were concerned lest in the event of an accident the fire engine may be unable to get to the aircraft sufficiently quickly if it had to travel over rough ground, as is presently the case.

Will you please let me have your comments on this proposal?

Will you also, please, confirm that the fire engine remains at the airstrip and does not return to Stanley to bring persons for lunch. In this connection you will note that P.W.D. made arrangements for persons to return to Stanley in other vehicles if they need to do so.

CHIEF SECRETARY

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4(6) FIRE BRIGADE-INSURANCE OF MEMBERS

TNC/33/1

Members noted that present Personal Accident insurance cover for Fire Brigade members had been looked into by Government and that the Superintendent of Public Works and the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade had advised that the cover was considered to be adequate. The cover is for any four members of the Brigade whilst engaged in their activities in connection with the Fire Brigade. The capital sum insured is £5,000 per capita with a premium of £50 per year.

MEMORANDUM

My
Reference FIA/17/1

Date 5 April 1977

From Airport Superintendent

To Chief Secretary

FIRE FIGHTING TRAINING FOR TWO PERSONNEL
Mr M Binnie and Mr P Morrison

Reference your memo dated 4 April 1977 on the above subject,
please be advised as follows:

1. It was agreed at the Aviation Committee meeting held on 31.3.77 that the process of selecting two suitable men for fire fighting must go ahead and not wait for Mr Davis's report. The two should preferably be Mr M Binnie and Mr P Morrison, or the best of the two.
2. Please refer to item 7 of the minutes of the meeting of the Aviation Committee.
3. We can provide a satisfactory service for the F27s when we receive the balance fire equipment expected by the charter vessel and when we have trained personnel.
4. It is considered expeditious to have the training take place in Argentina due to the urgent requirement of trained personnel in fire-fighting before the new airport is open for operation. This training is considered adequate for the time being and advanced fire fighting training in UK under CAA can be considered at a later stage.

Bala Kanagasabai
Bala Kanagasabai
Airport Superintendent

To me 14/4/77



FILE NOTE

cc. APS
SPW

TRAINING FOR FIRE BRIGADE STAFF
IN AIRCRAFT FIRMS

I saw Vice Comodoro Carnelli this morning and he has agreed to enquire about training for four officers in Argentina in fighting aircraft fires.

2. I expect the training to last for approximately two weeks, although this is not certain yet. The persons that we have identified to go on this course are:

Mr P Morrison (Pat)
Mr N Binnie
Mr P McPhee (Pat)
Mr E Kenny

3. I shall be grateful if APS and SPW would please liaise and inform Mr Browning of my office whether the four should go for training together, or in two parties of two each.

4. Almost certainly the training will be carried out at an air force base. The costs to this government would not be great but I would authorise them from Vote XX - Training - if need be.


C. S.

4 May 1977

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C.S.

FIRE FIGHTING TRAINING IN ARGENTINA

(35) refers.

V C Carnelli 'phoned a.m. 13 May.

2. It seems training could easily be arranged through the Argentine Air Force. The only requirement would be that one of the trainees should speak Spanish as well as English, to assist in conveying information to the other candidates. If 4 are involved it would be preferable if they travelled together.
3. V C feels quite certain that only insignificant expenses may have to be met by FIG (probably only meals) once the candidates are there (FIG does of course cover air fares).
4. I thanked Carnelli and indicated that someone would be in touch with him again shortly.

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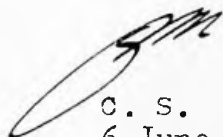
DCS

Following is an extract from notes on discussions held with Mr R Wainwright, CAA -

Airport fire services

The fire-fighting services are still deficient but will be at least as good as those in use at Hooker's Point. The Airport Superintendent has reservations about this point but Mr Wainwright emphasised that provided the position is made known it is up to the operator to accept responsibility. Nevertheless, the additional equipment and the training should be pressed forward by APS as a matter of urgency.

2. Would you kindly liaise with APS about this matter.



C. S.
6 June 77

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File please - in TNC/33/1. 8.6.77.

Chief Secretary's Office
Stanley

4 July 1977


To all Honourable Councillors

REPORT ON FIRE FIGHTING SERVICES IN THE
FALKLAND ISLANDS

I attach one copy of the report on the fire fighting services in the Falkland Islands prepared by Mr D Davis.

2. The report is in three separate parts.

3. Unfortunately I have not sufficient copies for circulation individually to councillors and have to ask if you will kindly circulate it in the order listed.


A J F Monk
Chief Secretary

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Circulation list:

Lt Col The Hon R V Goss CBE ED
The Hon W E Goss JP
The Hon L G Blake JP*
The Hon W B Bowles
The Hon A B Monk JP
The Hon J Smith
The Hon H L Bound MBE JP*
The Hon A B Madden BEM

The Hon Financial Secretary
Mr G J A Slater

*will be circulated when Hon Members return to Colony

MEMORANDUM

Reference TNC/33/1

It is requested that this number and date should be quoted.

Date 11th July 1977



From Supt. Public Works

Chief Secretary

Subject:- Yr Ref TNC/33/1 4 July 77 Fire fight report

Mr D Davis's report is marvalous, immaculate, and very comprehensive, I have great admiration for the genuine effort Dennis put into his appointed task, he has probably set an example of taking an active part of implementing some of his own writing (before he departed the Colony) this has at least set a precedent of what is really required and what we need.

2. A complete volume in three parts, and for my part I must commend Mr Davis on his very thorough part in all aspects to fire fighting and prevention, unfortunately this is a classic example of what we in the Colony desire, but a few of us realize will never get. We do not have the resources finance or expertees available, nor will we ever have in such a small confined and limited administration, I know from personal association with Mr Davis that he realized and appreciated this, he was after all with us for two months and I may add not one minute was wasted.

3. I agree with your minute of the 4th July "a very appropriate day for celebration, fireworks and their allied hazards" that we should discuss, I await your convenience. But basically all we can discuss is - who is going to take on this majestic task which requires a separate and full-time administration.

JW Royane

Superintendent of Public Works

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Chief Secretary
The Secretariat
Stanley
Falkland Islands
South Atlantic



Fire Brigade Headquarters

Walmoor House
Dee Banks
Chester CH3 5UB
Telephone Chester 22633 (STD CODE 0244)

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County Fire Officer

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Your reference

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If you telephone please ask for Ext 25
Mr Brannon

17 June 1977

Dear Sir

FIREFIGHTING TUITION
MR B SUMMERS - FALKLAND ISLANDS

Following your letter of 27 April 1977 arrangements were made for Mr Summers to spend five days with the Brigade from 30 May to 3 June 1977, during which period he was attached to the Fire Station at Crewe.

A report on his visit has been submitted by the Officer in Charge of the Station, Assistant Divisional Officer Dennis Davis, and a copy is attached for your information.

Yours faithfully

County Fire Officer



INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

To

COUNTY FIRE OFFICER

From

OFFICER IN CHARGE C.I. CREWE

MY
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YOUR
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DATE 9 June, 1977

MR B SUMMERS - FALKLAND ISLANDS
TRAINING ATTACHMENT C.I. CREWE - 30 MAY 1977 to 3 JUNE 1977

Following the attachment of the above I detail below the basic training given:-

- Introduction to Station Routine and Equipment.
- Practical Hose Drills.
- Construction, Care, Maintenance and Standard Tests to hose.
- Friction loss and basic combustion process.
- Practical use of jets, sprays and fog.
- Combined ladder, hose and rescue drills with retained personnel.
- Knots and lines.
- Practical methods of rescue.
- Practical ladder work.
- Construction, Care, Maintenance and Standard Tests to ladders.
- Foam equipment practical application and technique.
- Construction of pumps, primers and cooling systems.
- Practical pump operations and standard tests.
- Principles of Breathing Apparatus, dressing and donning drills.
- Breathing Apparatus Stage I procedure and use of guidelines.
- Practical Breathing Apparatus drill.
- Combined hose and ladders drills with wholetime personnel.
- Use, construction, care, maintenance and standard tests for portable extinguishers.

In addition Mr Summers attended a risk visit to Crewe Chemicals, Sandbach, toured C.I. station ground, visited Brigade Headquarters, Brigade Stores and Workshops, C.10 Audlem and C.3 Middlewich and attended fires with Officers at King George VI Playing Field Crews, Shropshire Union Canal, Nantwich and Westminster Street, Crewe and a road traffic accident on the A525 Nantwich to Whitchurch Road.

Due to having no indemnity clearance it was not possible to allow Mr Summers to attend fires as part of an appliance crew.

I enclose an additional copy of this memorandum which you may wish to forward to the Ministry of Overseas Development.

(Sgd. D.Davis ADO)

D.DAVIS A.D.O.
C.I. CREWE.

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29 July 1977

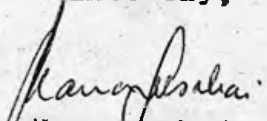
The Superintendent of Public Works
Public Works Department
Stanley

Dear Tom,

Airport Services

1. In view of the round table conference that the Chief Secretary proposes to hold within the next two weeks to discuss the above subject between us, I thought it would be a good idea if we had a tentative agenda to go by.
2. With that purpose in mind I submit herewith a tentative draft agenda for your perusal. I will be glad if you would be good enough to add to this or amend as you see fit and advise me.
3. Agenda:
 - (a) Clarification of the responsibilities that will fall on the PWD and the Civil Aviation Dept in the field of employment of labour and supervision, regarding the continued operation of the new airport.
 - (b) Discussing and identifying the sources that will be responsible for the above, from a practical and economic point of view, with available manpower.
 - (c) Responsibility of fire cover at the airport and training in airport fire fighting, and meeting the costs of these services at the airport.
 - (d) Formation of a permanent Fire Brigade Dept and appointment of a permanent FB Superintendent.
4. I have already sent you a copy of the labour requirements that will arise when the new airport commences operation (my letter FIA/30/1 of 14 July 77 to CS with copy to you refers).
5. Thank you for your valuable suggestions made in your letter of 15 July 1977 regarding labour costing.

Yours sincerely,


Bala Kanagasabai
Airport Superintendent

cc. Chief Secretary ✓

Airport Superintendent.
cc: Chief Secretary.



4th August 1977

Dear Bala,

Airport Services

I refer to your letter 29 July 1977, and of the Chief Secretary request with reference to the "getting cracking" so to speak on the meeting of clarification, and other vital matters.

2. I suggest the meeting be held on Tuesday the 9th of August next, at 2.30pm, and that the conference room at the Secretariat be made available for this purpose. Your proposed agenda is quite acceptable, and a starting point, I know you will appreciate that a great deal of items will no doubt arise of a technical nature, as your whole Airport is of a 90 per cent technical complex. With this in mind I would recommend the following officers be present.

Chief Secretary
Supt. of Public Works
Airport Superintendent
Assistant Superintendent of Works
Air Traffic Controller
Ag. Power Station Supervisor
Fire Brigade Superintendent

3. We shall all have almost one week to identify the problems which may arise, but I for one will be hoping that some action can be taken immediately after the meeting. A notice has been sent to all concerned.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. W. Lagan".

Superintendent of Public Works

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Minutes of meeting held on 9 August 1977 at Chief Secretary's Office, Secretariat

Present: Mr A J F Monk CBE (Chief Secretary)
Mr T W Royans MBE (Supt. Public Works)
Mr B Kanagasabai (Airport Superintendent)
Mr G W Cheek (Air Traffic Controller)
Mr B Morrison (Assistant SPW)
Mr L Harris (Ag Supt Power Station)
Mr R Stewart (Supt Fire Brigade)

1. A meeting was held on 9 August 1977 at 1430 hours in the Chief Secretary's Office between officers of the Department of Public Works and the Department of Civil Aviation, at which the Chief Secretary presided.

2. The purpose of the meeting was to clarify the responsibilities that will fall on the PWD and the Dept. of Civil Aviation in the field of employment of labour and supervision with regard to the continued operation of the new airport, and to identify the sources that will be responsible for them from a practical and economic point of view with available manpower.

3. After preliminary discussions, during which the Airport Superintendent informed the members that provisions had been made in his Estimates for two handymen, the list of labour requirements that will arise when the airport commences operation was discussed in detail (letter FHL/30/1 of 14 July 77 from APS to CS, copied to SPW, refers). The following agreement was reached:

- (a) Numbers 1, part of 2 and 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12 of the list of labour requirements (copy attached) will be the responsibility of the Dept of Civil Aviation.
- (b) Nos. 7, part of 2 and 3, 4, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 15 of the list of labour requirements will be the responsibility of the Public Works Department.
- (c) SPW undertook to help in the recruitment of two handymen and a night watchman.

4. It was generally agreed that works that are unable to be handled by the Airport handymen will be carried out with the assistance of the PWD. All skilled technical labour, transportation work and maintenance work will be carried out by the PWD on requisitions made to SPW by the Airport Superintendent. It was also agreed that SPW will provide funds for these in his Estimates under an item "Services at Airport".

This will probably have to await SEC
5. Regarding the fire cover at the airport, the Chief Secretary undertook to look into the provision being made for the appointment of a permanent Superintendent of the Fire Brigade.

6. As concerned the training of two people in aircraft fire-fighting techniques in Argentina through the Argentine Air Force, he asked SPW to submit the names of two suitable trainees.

7. It was also agreed that the generators at the airport will be checked and maintained by the Power Station Supervisor.

10 Aug 77

** Assistant Mr Stewart would remain in charge*

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RECORD OF MEETING HELD IN CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE 20 SEPTEMBER

Present: Chief Secretary
Deputy Chief Secretary
Supt. Public Works
Supt. Fire Brigade

1. Supt. Fire Brigade in consultation with Supt. Public Works would submit as soon as possible to DCS names of 2 persons to undergo a 2-week course in aircraft fire fighting. Any additional payment would be met from Head 20: Training. It was agreed that it was urgent that we should train 2 local candidates as quickly as possible and the consensus was that it would be better to train 2 persons who were not only members of the Fire Brigade but also members of government.

2. The ultimate establishment of the Fire Brigade would be:

1 Superintendent
1 Mechanic
1 Handyman

This would require re-submission to SFC taking up the recommendation of the Budget ExCo discarded by the Select Committee. It was agreed that ideally the Superintendent should also have some mechanical knowledge so that between himself and the mechanic they could take the maintenance load from PWD responsibility; it being recognised that the heavy expenditure for the Fire Brigade equipment in recent years arose mainly from lack of proper and adequate maintenance.

3. Until this situation in 2 above was achieved Mr. R. Stewart would remain as substantive SFB on existing terms and would have complete control over the Fire Brigade under the ultimate responsibility of the SPW.
4. The SFB would arrange local practices as soon as possible. Meantime the internal or small-scale practices should continue as of late.
5. The results of the Davies visit were showing positive results and the SFB was reasonably satisfied with the standard of maintaining equipment.
6. The SFB would submit to DCS a list of essential handbooks and manuals necessary for training or to devise local legislation.
7. Legislation to regulate the installation of gas and oil heating etc. would be enacted as soon as practicable. In the meantime administrative action would be taken to require all persons proposing to install gas or oil conversions to submit their proposals to the SPW for approval. The CS undertook to draft a simple form of application for this purpose.
8. The public should be alerted on every possible occasion to the need to take care. Maximum use of the broadcasting services should be made to this end.

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CIRCULAR No 30/77

5th October, 1977

From; CHIEF SECRETARY

To: All Heads of Departments

FIRE PRECAUTIONS

Enclosed are several complete sets of Fire Prevention Pamphlets. Each set contains fire precaution instructions entitled Fire Precautions, Fire Prevention, Extinguishing Fires in the Home and Precautions in Special Cases. These sets are to be displayed in PROMINENT places throughout your department.

If you require any additional sets they are readily available from the Secretariat.


CHIEF SECRETARY

DCS

Fire Fighting Training

Vice Comodoro Carnelli phoned this morning to let us know that the Argentine Air Force would be prepared to send an experienced instructor to the Colony for one week.

2. The two candidates elected to undertake this training would thus be able to work alongside the instructor using their own facilities and materials. The language problem he hopes would be thus obviated and Carnelli believes he and his staff could assist in this respect. Practical training would include a fire fighting practice on arrival of the F27.

3. Cost of the instructor's passage would be borne by the Argentine Air Force. Carnelli would however be grateful if FIG could somehow arrange for accommodation to be made available (or, I imagine, cover his costs).

4. Timing would be arranged as soon as the point made in 3. above can be agreed and of course provided the exercise is satisfactory to us.

Mania.

7 October 77

Note: Discussed with Supt of Fire Brigade and Airport Supt. Both prefer training in Argentina where wider scope of practical training would be available.

V.C. Carnelli seen with Airport Supt. V. C. Carnelli will try and get training in Argentina but there is a language problem ie no one with sufficient English to train our fire fighters.

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10 Brandon Road
9th October 1977

Deputy Chief Secretary
Secretariat



Dear Sir,

It is pleasing to note from recent News Bulletins the big Fire Prevention campaign being waged by Government, but this in its self is not sufficient unless backed up by an effective Fire Service.

The visit of A.D.O. Davis was very useful in many respects, but as far as the Stanley Fire Brigade was concerned he was just wasting his time, his visit was far too short to be of much practical use and the little knowledge we did manage to pick up has been wasted as members have not had the chance to follow it up. For about the first six weeks after Dennis's departure, weekly training sessions were held but since the end of May there have been none.

On my return from leave I contacted the Fire Superintendent Bob Stewart and informed him of what I had done whilst at Macón Way, what ideas I had for improvements and urged him to restart the weekly get togethers, Bob stated that at the time he was rather busy with work and other commitments, since then myself and others have kept at him but nothing, I have contacted the Superintendent of Public Works Mr Royans and also Pat McPhee to see if they could use their influence on Bob but still no results.

Two weeks ago along with 2 others I sought Bob's permission to take out the East Station pump, so as to familiarize ourselves with its workings again, this brought objections from Pat but we went ahead and found several defects which were soon put to right. If we had not put in this bit of effort that pump would have been unserviceable when it was required for use in the fire that occurred the following evening.

I would like to ask Sir if I may, that you urge the immediate reintroduction of a regular training programme and the reorganization of the Brigade so as to make better use of the forces we have.

I hope this letter will be taken the way it is intended as I have a genuine concern for our problems. If you wish I would be only too willing to call on you and explain my views more fully.

Yours faithfully

Brian Summers
Brian Summers

*45 minutes discussion
with Mr Summers.*

MEMORANDUM

Ref: TNC/33/1

It is requested that this number and date should be quoted.

Date 11th October 1977

From Senior Medical Officer

To Chief Secretary


Subject:-



FIRE DRILL

I refer to your circular memorandum No. 29/77.

The comments on fire drill are a timely reminder and I will certainly ensure the drilling and instruction of staff. However I should just like to record that the Medical Department will not, unlike most other departments, be in a position to appoint a fire officer and a deputy fire officer. In view of the fact that the hospital is staffed twenty four hours per day and that the Senior staff are non-resident in the hospital, there is every chance that neither the fire officer nor the deputy fire officer would be present in the hospital in the event of a fire breaking out. The system adopted in the hospital has always been to put the primary responsibility for altering the Fire Brigade and organising evacuation onto the Sister who, for the time being, is in charge of the hospital. I think that it would be wise to continue with this system.


Derek Cox
Senior Medical Officer

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

No. 68/77

FIRE BRIGADE

Councillors will recall that during the Budget session of Executive Council it was recommended that the Stanley Fire Brigade strength be increased. This recommendation accordingly went forward to Legislative Council. Select Committee pruned the Estimates and deleted the £3,500 for additional staff.

2. Since then the report on the Fire Fighting Services prepared by Mr. D. Davis of the Cheshire Fire Brigade has been received. It is a lengthy document and it is not possible to deal with it in its entirety during one meeting of Council. However some of its recommendations are:

- (1) The brigade should be a separate unit or department;
- (2) it should be under the direct responsibility of a full-time fire superintendent;
- (3) the superintendent should be wholly responsible to the Chief Secretary for control, supervision, administration and training of the fire services;
- (4) the size of the nucleus of whole-time firemen should have regard to government's expenditure and although they should be allowed to perform other functions, their first allegiance must be to the fire brigade;
- (5) the full-time firemen should combine cover for the airport and Stanley;
- (6) fire fighting at the airfield requires a minimum of six men including a superintendent. These six should therefore be the minimum whole-time fire brigade establishment;
- (7) the remainder of the force will be made up from volunteers;
- (8) a new central station will be required to accommodate both men and equipment.

3. While Government would like to implement the Davis recommendations in their entirety shortage of money precludes this and as a result of a meeting between all concerned it was agreed that the recommendations should be adopted, with modification, as follows:

- (a) the full-time nucleus of staff should be established initially at three; the additional staff for fire fighting must come from volunteers;
- (b) the location of the central fire station must await Government's decision as to the development of a mechanical engineering workshop;
- (c) the full-time firemen should if possible be employed from within Government; and
- (d) two of these should be sent as soon as possible for training in aircraft fire fighting in Argentina.

4. As this last requirement (aircraft fire fighting) is urgent, the Superintendent of Public Works has been instructed, in conjunction with the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, to select two persons immediately. There has been some procrastination amongst the fire brigade in choosing potential trainees but instructions have now issued that this is of first importance.

5. Council is asked to accept the recommendations made by Mr. Davis as modified by Government above and to advise that the Superintendent of Public Works should calculate on this basis and submit a Special Warrant for the new posts at the first SFC to meet after Legislative Council is re-formed, or earlier if Council so advises.

6. For ease of reference I attach a copy of the relevant extract from Mr. Davis' report.

7. The Fire Prevention Codes in App. 12 have been ordered. The Fire Prevention Building regulations (App. 11) will need to be studied closely by P.W.D.

The Secretariat,
Stanley.

27th September 1977

File Ref: TNC/33/1
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4.3. PROPOSED ORGANISATION.

4.3.1. The Brigade should become a separate unit of Government. The control, administration and organisation including financial budgeting should be the direct responsibility of the Superintendent of Fire Brigade. He should receive additional training in the United Kingdom both in fire fighting and basic Fire Prevention. His appointment should be suitably salaried and made on the recommendation of the Chief Secretary and Superintendent of Public Works. He must possess qualities of leadership and the abilities of administration and organisation. Whilst his prime duty must be the administration of the Brigade and Government Fire Officer it is appreciated that he may have to be prepared to act in other capacities, for example, the maintenance of the new airfield. However, these additional areas of responsibility must be defined and subservient to the Brigade. The ultimate success of the Brigade will rest entirely with the individual chosen.

4.3.2. There should be a nucleus of wholetime firemen. Again the men chosen will, due to cost factors, have to be utilised to perform other functions and in this respect the Falkland Islands are perhaps unique in that there is little demarcation of labour. The men should be selected by an appointments board.

4.3.3. The wholetime firemen should provide fire cover for both the airfield and Stanley. Flying duties require a minimum of six men, including the Superintendent, and this should, therefore, be the minimum Fire Brigade wholetime establishment. It would be preferable to employ eight wholetime men to cater for sickness and leave but economic considerations may prevent this. Therefore, by pre-arrangement, Volunteers should be engaged when necessary to maintain minimum flying cover and the additional two wholetime men engaged when the economic situation permits.

4.3.4. Their main duty would be firemen and a percentage of their time would be allocated to training and appliance and equipment maintenance.

4.3.5. Three of the men chosen should receive training in the United Kingdom on aircraft fire fighting and rescue. One of these men should be the Superintendent and one other should be selected as Assistant Superintendent.

4.3.6. The training of the remainder of the wholetime men should be the responsibility of the Superintendent through these trained men.

4.3.7. In the selection of the wholetime men due regard must be paid to the arduous nature of fire fighting and the subsequent position they will hold within the Brigade. A system of selection should, therefore, be implemented which should describe and test for certain educational and physical standards. Consideration should also be given to the inclusion of certain additional skills which will be of benefit to the Brigade, for example, previous training in the field of vehicle maintenance or carpentry since this would allow the Brigade to operate as a self contained unit more effectively.

4.3.8. The intention is, therefore, to establish a small unit of trained men who, whilst providing the necessary statutory cover for the airfield, will be of benefit to the community. There is, however, one important area which must not be overlooked and that is the relationship of those men to the volunteers and the provision of fire cover within Stanley during the night and weekends. The trained men must be capable of encouraging and training the volunteers and prepared to provide fire cover within the town. This is an area for discussion particularly since the men will be employed as firemen and the system of duty should include nominal payment for standby hours. The Superintendent and his Assistant should similarly alternate to ensure that one of them is always available. A simple rota system of duty could be formulated if necessary to ensure an equal distribution of hours between the men.

4.3.9. It is proposed that these trained men would be the first to respond to an incident and on the assessments made of the fire situation a general alarm could then be sounded to alert the Volunteer Section of the Brigade.

4.3.10. The nominal payment referred to would be in the form of a retaining fee and include the requirement for the wholetime men to attend a weekly evening training session, for the benefit of the Volunteers. An additional fee, previously agreed, may be paid for actual attendance at fires and related to the hours the man has been engaged in fire fighting. Care must, however, be exercised in this respect since there will be occasions when both wholetime and Volunteers are working together and this could lead to friction between the two.

4.3.11. The wholetime members of the Brigade would as stated be responsible for the general maintenance of appliances and equipment. At present a handyman is employed for this duty. The reduction of this task would allow him to be usefully employed in the maintenance and servicing of fire extinguishers, store-keeping etc.

4.3.12. If the system of organisation described in the previous sub-sections is implemented it will again be noted that there will be a necessity to provide a central station capable of accommodating both men and equipment and it is worth emphasising that for the system to work effectively and efficiently many of the recommendations made in this report have this basic requirement.

4.4. VOLUNTEERS.

4.4.1. The Volunteers will provide the important service of manpower. Under the direction of the wholetime force they would become far more efficient and effective. Their basic role would be of support.

4.4.2. The Volunteers should be encouraged to join the Brigade but they must accept two fundamental principles, regular training and team work. The requirement for educational background is not so important with these men but there should be a reasonable minimum standard of physical health.

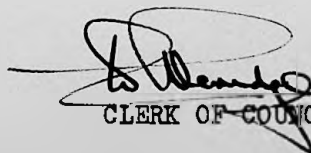
4.4.3. The Volunteers section should be organised on the basis of one junior officer to six men. One of the junior officers should act as spokesman and receive nominal payment for this function. This man should be directly responsible to the Superintendent of Fire Brigade who himself will provide the leadership and direction for the Volunteers. This relationship is most important if the two sections are to operate together as a complete Brigade.

4.5. INTERNAL ORGANISATION.

4.5.1. Dependant upon the degree of responsibility transferred to the Superintendent there will be certain areas of administration which he would be responsible for, including the financial budgeting for the Brigade. It is not, however, envisaged that there should be administrative staff since this is available within other Departments and arrangements could be made for its utilisation. The Superintendent must maintain certain records and examples of the type of local administration proposed are given below.

TNC/33/1 3. Davis Report - Fire Precautions

- 8/77 3.1 The Chief Secretary told Council that a paper, drawing upon the recommendations of the report by Mr. Dennis Davis of the Cheshire Fire Services, who had visited the Colony earlier this year, was in the course of preparation and would be placed before the next meeting of Council.
- 3.2 From a general discussion on the subject it emerged that Honourable Members recognised the constraints of manpower and finance in implementing the Davis recommendations and thought that the best way of doing so might be to seek the long-term secondment of a professional fire officer, perhaps from the Cheshire Fire Service.


CLERK OF COUNCILS

Medical Department,
Stanley,
Falkland Islands.

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29th December 1977

Chief Secretary,
Secretariat,
Stanley



Dear Mr. Massingham,

On the 24th October 1977 I wrote to Mr. Dennis Davis of the Cheshire Fire Brigade about clarification of some of the points which he raised in his report. I have only just received his reply and he has included a copy of this reply for yourself. I therefore enclose this copy and a copy of my original letter so that they may both be put on file along with Mr. Davis's report.

Yours sincerely,



Derek Cox
Senior Medical Officer

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24th October

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Mr. D. E. Davis,
Assistant Divisional Officer,
Cheshire Fire Brigade,
Walmoor House,
Dee Banks,
Chester CH3 5UB

Dear Dennis,

X I only just received a sight of your report in the Colony last week and I must say that I was most impressed with it. I do not know why it had not previously been circulated to all Heads of departments (I eventually had to ask for a copy of it) because many of the suggestions that you have made are of the sort that can be implemented now without any expenditure, although I appreciate that many of the important items will require a vast amount of money to be spent.

In any case we had a full Hospital staff meeting about the report last week and are now well on the way to implementing those recommendations that we can which don't involve Governmental decision. Several points arose in discussion and I would be grateful for some clarification.

There was considerable resistance from the nursing staff about locking the main linen cupboard which on your plan of the Hospital is marked "Store" situated between "night sisters bedroom" to the South and "bath" to the North. The problem is that this room is in constant use throughout the day, but nevertheless after some discussion and some pressure they agreed to keep this door locked. A greater problem however, arises with the Maternity Ward linen cupboard which opens off the Maternity Ward and is marked on your plan also "Store." If you remember this is a small walk in cupboard in which the mothers occupying the Maternity Ward keep, not only their bed linen but also their own change of clothes and baby clothes and nappys. It is not really practical therefore to keep this door locked and I know that if I issued such an instruction within a matter of weeks the instruction would be ignored. After some discussion we considered that the answer to this problem may be to remove the door altogether thus making it impossible for the room to be closed off from the main Maternity Ward. There would be no disadvantages to this system from our point of view but it was generally agreed that we should check this item with you to see whether or not it would be acceptable to you.

In discussions concerning means of escape the question of the upstairs maids bedrooms ...

... was raised once again. It was noted that in the event of a fire occurring outside an occupied bedroom then escape from the room onto the sloping roof would be extremely hazardous. Dr. Dunnett described a system which had been employed in a students hostel in which he had been resident at one time whereby there were spring loaded cable dispensers attached to the windows of the rooms. In the event of a fire the occupant could attach himself to the end of the cable and lower himself over the roof. I would be most grateful if you could comment on this type of system or any other suggestions that you might have for catering for evacuation of the bedrooms directly through the windows.

a secure rope is usually sufficient (eg. at Oxbridge colleges)

From my own point of view I was surprised not to find recommendations about the astral windows in the new part of the hospital since as I think I mentioned to you, I have been worried about the fact that it would be virtually impossible for anyone to escape via these windows.

The only other point which no-one seemed able to answer for me was why the Social Workers office is regarded as such a hazard.

In any case I would be most grateful for your early comments on all of these points.

Yours sincerely,

Derek Cox
Senior Medical Officer

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Mr Davis

12 December 1977

Dear Derek

FIRE PREVENTION : KING EDWARD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
STANLEY FALKLAND ISLANDS

Thank you for your letter dated 24 October 1977 which unfortunately I have been unable to reply to earlier due to an industrial dispute.

I have noted your points regarding my report on the Hospital and would comment as follows:-

1) Locking of stores

I have no objection to the removal of the door of the small store in the Maternity Ward. In respect of stores which are in "constant use" during the day it would be permissible for such store doors to be kept shut during the day and locked in the evening after the room had been checked. If this procedure is adopted due to difficulties which you indicate may occur, then a suitable conspicuous notice should be fixed to the face of the door outlining the procedure eg FIRE : THIS DOOR TO BE KEPT SHUT - LOCK AT NIGHT.

2) First floor bedrooms

The purpose of the recommendations made regarding this area was to secure adequate means of escape without the need for staff to exit via windows.

Corridors are considered areas of low risk and the work recommended would ensure a reasonable standard of means of escape without recourse to the type of device you suggest.

Indeed the use of self escape apparatus is not considered acceptable in this county due not least to the physical difficulties of using such apparatus particularly by females.

3) Ward windows

The comments of the above paragraphs similarly relate to the high life risk ward areas.

Exit via windows is not considered acceptable for patients. I hope shortly to supply a copy of a technical memorandum issued by the Department of Health regarding Fire Precautions in Hospitals and the basis of the advice regarding evacuation of wards in this document is horizontal movement.

The time delay necessary to achieve safe evacuation is provided by the fire resisting screens and doors recommended across various corridors.

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and the isolation of "risk" areas by fire resisting doors and constructions.

You will note from the sketch plan included in the report that ^{the} Ward area is separated from the remainder of the Hospital by these doors and that a central corridor screen is included to secure a safe exit either east or west along the main corridor as appropriate.

4) Social Workers Office

The fire separation of this room was included to ensure that the night sister who could be asleep, would be able to leave her room at night should a fire occur within this day occupancy room.

I hope my comments will be helpful but should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kindest regards to you and your staff for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D T Davis'. The signature is stylized, with the first letters of the first and last names being prominent and capital-like.

D T Davis
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EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 22ND FEBRUARY 1978

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- 6.0 Hospital Reservoir
- 6.1 The report from the Supt of Works on the use of the old Reservoir on Reservoir Road as a source of emergency water supply for fire-fighting was considered.
- 6.2 Committee recommended that the preliminary works to test the reservoir should be carried out by the Public Works Department.
- 6.3 The sum of £150 was approved - see paragraph 3.



R R 6/11

From: Director Public Works

To: Chief Secretary
cc: D.C.A.
Financial SecretarySubject: Fire Service - Airport and Stanley

With one plane from Argentina per week, PWD loses for one whole day 6 men out of its 45 hourly paid men and its 13 PE tradesmen, that is to say, 10% of the day's work capacity, because of the necessity to provide firemen at the Airport.

With two LADE planes per week, PWD will lose 10% of its work capacity on two days a week.

When FIG starts using the Islander there will doubtless be daily aircraft movements - perhaps 4 or 6 a day, and although a full 6 man fire crew would not be needed for those movements, a 2 or 3 man crew would have to be in attendance.

The time to get a self-contained fire service properly organised & trained is therefore now, before Islanders come into use.

A year ago Government received the Davis Report and recommendations on the aims and methods of creating a Fire Service. At about the same time Wainwright's report on the Airport was received and he endorsed Davis' recommendations so far as the Airport is concerned. I have studied both reports and cannot see any difficulty in getting the Service established.

This letter is to put possibilities & recommendations before you so that, if you judge the time opportune, the matter could be finalised during the Budget LEGCO and the run-up to it. With this in mind I am drafting some Fire Service "blue-form" Annual Estimates based on the Davis report and on the suggestions in this letter, and I will submit them to the Financial Secretary in two or three days time. Any areas of disagreement could doubtless be sorted out without delaying the whole project's money supply. By the time the Estimates are approved there will be a DPW in post and he could implement the proposals: his ideas are not likely to be very different from mine.

Put rather starkly, the position is that if FIG desires international plane flights to continue to serve the Islands, FIG must provide a proper fire service at the Airport. If the two proposed LADE flights per week each carry an average of only 40 passengers & crew inward and 40 outward the lives of more than 8000 persons would be safeguarded each year by the Fire Service, without including passengers on Islander flights. The only way to obtain a Fire Service to meet this kind of commitment is to make it wholly full time and wholly trained. As DPW I have come to the conclusion that if men or money are in short supply, the general PWD should suffer the loss and not the Fire Service. In any case, a full-time Fire Service would relieve PWD of some of its chores, such as hydrant inspection.

The present airport fire service organisation is based entirely upon R Stewart's leadership of a number of men, not always the same men, being taken up to the airport on plane days, dressing themselves up, and sitting on their appliances. The town organisation is of willing and keen volunteers, also under R Stewart. No-one has had adequate training for either airport or town. Improvisation might work in town, but not at the Airport.

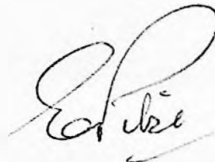
The present administrative position is slightly confused. In his letter TNC/33/1 of 31 December 1975 to R Stewart the Chief Secretary sets out the duties of the Superintendent of the Stanley Fire Brigade, and amongst them is the instruction "to act as Government's Fire Officer". The same Chief Secretary in his letter TNC/13/2 of 26 October 1976 to the Superintendent of Public Works says that the Fire Brigade "although coming directly under the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade is the responsibility of the Public Works Department". Nevertheless, there since appears to have been continuous correspondence directly between the Chief Secretary and Stewart, by-passing PWD.

Within FIG there does not appear to be any more suitable home for Fire Service responsibility than the PWD; the same holds good in many other countries large & small. PWD can provide an administrative and budgetary backing for the Fire Service far better than would be obtained from the Davis recommendation (4.3.1) that the Fire Service Superintendent (~~DPW~~) should come directly under the Secretariat. The fact that DPWs are not firemen is not important, the Superintendent is to be the expert. Under the conditions obtaining here a lot of the work in implementation of the Davis report would be done by the firemen if my recommendations are accepted; it would be work which would otherwise have to be done by PWD anyhow, so supervision of the Service by the DPW would still be quite appropriate.

As I see things, the following principles would meet the Davis report, and I put them forward now as recommendations to supercede the decision of the meeting in Chief Secretary's Office on 20 September 1977. References to the Davis report are in (). In several respects my recommendations differ from Davis's and Wainwright's; these are not on technical detail but on administrative detail and arise out of considerations not fully known to those two technical experts.

1. The Fire Service would be a self contained section of the PWD responsible to the Director. PWD would give administrative and budgetary backing, and technical assistance when required.
2. The service would provide fire cover at the Airport and in Stanley. The Airport work would be specialist, but in Stanley the volunteers would still have a part to play, especially at large incidents or if an incident arose there whilst the specialists were at the Airport.
3. Whilst operating at the airport between turn-to and stand-down during aircraft movements the Service would be under general direction of the duty Air Traffic Control Officer but under the Fire Service supervision for specialist activities. The duty Air Traffic Control Officer would also notify the Fire Service as to turn-to and stand-down times for anticipated aircraft movements and the Fire Service would meet them; telecommunications would be such that in the event of an unanticipated aircraft movement, the duty Air Traffic Controller would be able to call upon the Fire Service for attendance at, say, 30 minutes notice.
4. The Service would have a staff of 8 (4.3.3.). The 3 top men would be the Superintendent (4.3.1), an Asst Supt (4.3.5) and a Foreman; it would be desirable that they were tradesmen in different trades. All 3 men would go to the UK, in succession during the first year, for specialist training (4.3.5) and should therefore be PE staff so as to retain their services. The other 5 men would be Firemen/Handymen on hourly-paid rates, and they would be trained at Stanley by the 3 UK trained supervisors (4.3.6). The present handymen at the Airport would not be recruited to the Fire Service because of age and low physique.
5. None of the Fire Service would be employed as handymen at the Airport or at PWD. Instead, under the guidance of the Fire Service Superintendent they would undertake frequent training incidents, maintain appliances and equipment, service private & Government fire extinguishers, and also implement all the routine and special recommendations of the Davis report, including building & constructional work (fireproofing of doors & partitions etc. in Part 1), providing emergency salt water pumping arrangements (12.4) etc. etc.

6. The Fire Service would be based on a combined Watch Room/Office/Workshop in one of the disused buildings near the Agricultural Office, with good access to Davis Street East. This would be convenient for both Airport & Stanley and would overcome the prejudice of men against being posted permanently to the Airport.
7. The appliances - engines, trailers, water carriers, etc - would normally remain at their duty stations, and transport of firemen doing jobs around town, and to and from the airport, would be by non-specialist vehicles of the Service.
8. Telecommunications would be such that the Watch Room could be contacted at any time from the Airport, and could itself call up its men to any assembly point by personal radios as used by Police in the UK. The watch Room would also be in touch with the post office and with special arrangements made for calls from the Hospital, Schools etc. To cover hours outside normal duty hours, the top 3 Supervisors homes would be on the telephone, and they would each have stand-by duty hours included in their job specifications. For incidents in Stanley the fire sirens would remain as the means of calling out volunteers and firemen in case of incidents at the night in Stanley.
9. For the first year 1978/79 the Aviation Department would continue to control expenditures included in its estimates under Head III; estimates for Fire Service work in Airport and Stanley would be aggregated under Fire Service in 1979/80, and separated from Airport management and aircraft control votes at that time.



DIRECTOR PUBLIC WORKS

FROM: Director Public Works


 TO: Chief Secretary
 cc Financial Secretary

R R to AS 12/4

SUBJECT:

Proposed Fire Service
My PW/49 of 3.4.78

I feel a strong responsibility to ensure, so far as I am able, that Councillors should give full and careful consideration in matters other than financial to the implementation of the fire service recommendations presented to them in the Davis report. The techniques of manning organisation and finances were set out in my letter and in the Estimates which I have now submitted to the Financial Secretary. The following sets out what I see as the responsibilities with which Councillors will be faced when deciding whether or not to implement the Davis recommendations. Also included are some practical considerations which may not have been brought out sufficiently in my earlier submission which, because Estimates were at that time under consideration, had to be produced in a hurry as soon as I had come across a paper from your predecessor placing fire service responsibility upon the PWD.

1. At the airport Government is under an international legal obligation to safeguard the lives of more than 8000 passengers every year.
2. In Stanley Government is under a moral responsibility to encourage fire prevention measures and to safeguard lives and property whenever a fire occurs.
3. The Davis report upon fire fighting at the Airport and in Stanley was received 12 months ago.
4. There is a therefore heavy moral responsibility upon Government to implement fully the recommendations made by Davis, the fire fighting expert who was employed upon their behalf, not only because they have been told clearly how to meet it in practical terms. *the responsibility exists but also because*
5. Under present conditions the moral and legal responsibilities are not met because those who ^{are} supposed to be fire fighters, particularly at the Airport, are neither properly organised nor properly trained in their very specialist duties.
6. The only way to get a properly trained body is to band together in a specialist unit all the 8 men required to fulfil the Davis recommendations - that is to say - to build up a Fire Service with its own esprit-de-corps where every man knows his own job and can confidently rely upon proper backing by and cooperation with his mates in the difficult, hazardous, and terrifying situations likely to arise during a full scale fire incident.
7. In pursuance of 6 above, firemen must be firemen all the time. As at the Airport & in Stanley they will not have full-time firefighting and training duties they should be employed by the Fire Service Superintendent under the supervision of the DFW (not the PWD Buildings Superintendent) upon PWD work connected with fire precautions and fire fighting. I estimated that if training, including weekly site incidents at the Airport or in Stanley, is properly done, the fire service personnel would have 2 days of each week for use upon fire precautions work.
8. The implementation of 7 above would benefit PWD as well as the Fire Service. The Buildings Superintendent and the Mechanical Superintendent would be able to organise their work knowing that all their men would remain their men for the whole of each week and would not have to keep on popping off to the Airport for fire duties as they do at present. The same Superintendents' work would also benefit by being relieved by the Fire Service Superintendent of a considerable number of odd jobs which they at present have to organise - grasing hydrants, maintaining fire engines, serviceing hand-held fire extinguishers - as well as larger works such as building the sea-water access points recommended by Davis, and also his schemes for fire-resistant

pannelling of certain corridors and walls, provision of firestop doors, etc etc. The costs of these staff and works would be entered in the Estimates under Fire Service and taken out of PWD Personal Emoluments, PWD Recurrent and PWD Special (The estimates I have submitted show how this can be done).



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Mr Davis

10 April 1978

Dear Sir,

FIRE PREVENTION PUBLICATIONS

Further to your letter dated 29 September 1977 I would advise you that the publications you requested have been collated and were forwarded to you by surface mail on 5 April 1978.

Some of the publications had either been revised and reissued or replaced by other codes of practice and in these cases I have obtained the current edition.

One document - Hospital Technical Memorandum No 16 - is out of print and I have therefore supplied a photocopy. I have also included some Cheshire Fire Brigade Fire Prevention Notes and copies of our petroleum licencing conditions which I hope will be useful to you.

The invoice for the above will be forwarded direct to you by the County Treasurers Department and I understand the final cost including postage was £64.40.

Kind regards

Divisional Officer (Technical)

TNC/33/1

1st June

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Mr. R. Stewart,
Supt. Fire Brigade,
Stanley.

Dear Sir,

FIRE DRILLS

Some concern has been expressed that there has not been a fire drill for some time. If this is so and there is any particular reason why fire drills cannot be held perhaps you would be good enough to let me know.

Would it be possible to hold a fire practice >
before the Legislative Council meeting on 20th June?

Yours faithfully,


for CHIEF SECRETARY

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Mr Davis Ext 55
22 January 1979

Dear

MR Monk,

KING EDWARD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

I enclose a copy of self explanatory correspondence relating to the above. I have tried to be as helpful as possible but I am sure you will readily appreciate that it is now a little difficult to recall all the precise details necessary due to the time which has elapsed since my visit.

Despite this difficulty I would assure you of my willingness to be as useful as possible on the general interpretation and implementation of any aspect contained in the various sections of my report and on any future developments which you feel affect the Islands general fire prevention and firefighting standards.

I trust that you have by now received the publications forwarded to you last year and that these are of benefit to you.

Yours sincerely

D Davis

D Davis
Senior Staff Officer

15th December 1978

Mr D.T. Davis,
Assistant Divisional Officer,
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Walmoor House,
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Chester CH3 5UB.

Dear *Dennis*

Thank you very much for your letter to Derek dated 12 December 1977. Your comments were most useful and we have adopted your proposals regarding the locking of stores.

I have found it very difficult to ascertain Government's attitude to your report! I know that the local Fire Officer applied for money for additional extinguishers. This was either reduced or turned down altogether!

Your proposals regarding the Hospital are very comprehensive. Being realistic, I do not think it would be possible to get the necessary funds to do everything. It would be helpful if you could indicate a complete order of priority for all the work you think necessary.

In your paragraph three you refer to inflammable liquids and medical gases. You advocate the building of a separate store for all bulk supplies. Again for financial reasons, I do not think this is going to be possible. Would the following proposals be an improvement - I realise they may still fall far short of ideal?

1. Store all medical gas cylinders in the corner of the garage nearest the door. I should emphasise that the garage is no longer used for vehicles; merely as another store room.
2. Store bulk supplies in the existing pharmacy store but within 'fireproof' cabinets. If so, what cabinets to you recommend, and to which British Standards should they conform.

We now have cupboards for inflammable liquids in the laboratory and the dispensary.

In your paragraph five you suggest the formulation of a suitable fire routine. This has been done but I fear that it may be inadequate. Your recommendations as to what you see as an ideal routine would be much appreciated.

Sorry to burden you with further problems. I look forward to hearing from you soon and would remind you of the importance of using airmail.

With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Keith Dennis

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Mr Davis Ext 55
22 January 1979

Dear

KING EDWARD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Thank you for your letter dated 15 December 1978 outlining some of the difficulties both of interpretation and implementation that you have encountered following my report on the Hospital.

The report is, whilst basic in recommendations, comprehensive in content and under normal circumstances such a report would have been discussed in detail with the management concerned before being finalised. The queries you raise in your letter would normally require a detailed discussion but your somewhat remote location makes this a little difficult and therefore I have had to attempt to give you the guidance you seek in the paragraphs below. I hope it will help you but must point out that the determination of priorities of implementation is for you and the Government to decide. I can only advise and that advice is, I am sure you will realise, based on my own memory and notes of the inspection, which was nearly two years ago.

This does, of course, make the task a little difficult and I have therefore had to assume that conditions remain as I found them in March 1977.

If you feel having considered the comments made below, that there are now other factors obtaining of which I might not be aware please do not hesitate to write again since I would wish to be as helpful as possible to you on any improvements you could make to the general level of fire prevention in the Hospital.

1) Determination of Priorities

The first area which must receive urgent consideration is that of means of escape. It is essential that persons are able to escape from a building. The construction and presence of infirm persons make this a critical area in any Hospital and in your particular situation the construction places patients at considerable risk.

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Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9 do also have many recommendations which can be self imposed without high financial involvement. Your comments on the provision of additional fire equipment are also noted. This recommendation was made on the basis that water extinguishers should be in groups of two and there are a number of risk rooms without any suitable extinguisher immediately available. One well sited extinguisher could prevent a serious situation developing into a critical situation requiring total evacuation.

It is also possible that ad hoc arrangements could be made to satisfy some recommendations, for example, the provision of large heavy duty hand lamps at strategic locations would help cater for Section 6 until the generator is installed.

I have already forwarded to Government a copy of Hospital Technical Memorandum No 16 which also explains in some detail precautions against fire and if you refer to this document you will find it reiterates many of the points made above. I would add that I hope you have by now made the improvements to the Operating Theatre Electrical Installation to minimise the very real possibility of an explosion which existed at the time of my visit.

2) Storage of Flammable Liquids and Medical Gases

- a) Your suggestion that medical gases be stored in the now disused garage may be satisfactory if certain additional work is undertaken. I recall that the garage is open to the semi basement laundry area. There is therefore always the risk that gas, particularly oxygen, could leak from a faulty valve into this area where ignition could occur. The result of such an incident could be devastating.

Similarly a person entering this area, say smoking a cigarette, could if the atmosphere had been accidentally oxygen enriched suffer perhaps fatal injuries.

I would therefore, agree to your suggestion only if:-

- a) the storage area of cylinders could be separated from the remainder of the semi basement by an impervious concrete block wall
- b) that the ceiling was concrete without any openings
- c) that the entrance to the cylinder store was direct from the open
- d) that there was adequate direct ventilation to open air
- e) suitable warning notices were to be displayed

The provision of a simple external cylinder store, of open mesh sides and sheeted roof for weather protection and avoidance of direct sunlight, would appear to be a far less costly and much more satisfactory answer. I have forwarded a Code of Practice to Government which details the storage of Liquefied Petroleum Gases and this may help you in this matter.

- b) The storage of your bulk flammable liquids in the existing pharmacy store should again receive similar consideration particularly in terms of permanent ventilation direct to outside.

I cannot recall the exact details of the existing room layout but note my own sketch indicates a central division wall. If this central wall is of concrete block or similar construction and the ceiling of solid impervious concrete, then it would appear possible to provide an integral flammable liquid store by:-

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FIRE INSTRUCTIONS

..... (name of hospital)

1. Detection of Fires

Anyone detecting smoke or a smell of burning should investigate immediately and raise the alarm if a fire is suspected.

2. Raising Alarm

(a) *INTERNAL TELEPHONE Dial (insert appropriate emergency code no., e.g. 666).

*Give operator the exact location of fire.

*Wait until zone alarms sound and then replace receiver.

(b) *PUBLIC TELEPHONE Dial 999, ask for fire service. Inform fire brigade:

Fire at (Hospital)

..... (Address)

(c) *FIRE ALARM Break glass.

3. Calling the Fire Brigade

On any outbreak of fire, however small (responsible person) will immediately call the fire brigade in accordance with instructions displayed at (location from which fire brigade is to be called).

4. Extinguishers

Take extinguishers to the scene of the fire, then — NOT BEFORE — operate and direct jet into the seat of the fire.

5. Doors

Shut all doors and windows in the room or area in which the fire is discovered.

6. *On hearing the first stage alarm

Nursing staff on duty in wards

(i) Where necessary, remove patients from immediate danger. Elsewhere, stand by in the wards.

(ii) Close ward doors and any adjoining fire doors.

(iii) Prepare for the evacuation of patients but await instructions from the senior person in charge.

STAFF HAVING SPECIFIED DUTIES — proceed accordingly.

7. *On hearing the Second Stage Alarm

All available staff not having specific fire duties — Proceed to the fire assembly point at (location) and act as instructed by the senior person present.

8. Duty of Staff

(i) To study this Notice, to know what to do in the event of fire and to know how to use the fire appliances.

(ii) To make certain that you are familiar with all the means of escape in case of fire and to ensure that staircases, landings and other escape routes are kept clear from obstruction at all times.

(iii) To prevent any possible causes of fire.

* As appropriate

11. Extinguishing Drill

Ascertain where extinguishers are usually discharged and let the staff volunteer to operate them. It is inadvisable to go too deeply into the chemical reactions that take place inside the extinguishers when actuated. Generally speaking, and this applies to all types of extinguisher, you should lay most emphasis on a clear, concise description of the method of actuating and using it. A good way to do this would be to assemble the party in some convenient open space. The lecturer should then ask a member who has not previously operated an extinguisher to do so under his guidance, emphasising the ease and simplicity with which it can be used.

12. Fire Notices

Fig FD6-1 shows a typical example of a fire notice in accordance with Hospital Technical Memorandum No. 16/1969 for display in all staff rooms, staff residential accommodation and on notice boards.

In addition to the more detailed staff instructions, brief, clearly printed, general fire notices should be exhibited in conspicuous positions in all parts of the hospital. The following is an example:-

On detecting a fire, raise alarm immediately by (as para 2, Fig FD6-1).

On hearing the fire alarm, proceed immediately to
(Relevant Literature - Hospital Technical Memorandum No. 16 1969).

MEMORANDUM

Refer TNC1331

It is requested that this number and date should be quoted.

Date 28th February 1979



From Senior Medical Officer To Secretary

Subject:- King Edward Memorial Hospital Fire Precautions

I forwarded on 1st December 1978 an AISI to Standing Finance Committee asking that the £1500 already allocated in the 1978/79 estimates for the construction of an 'Inflammable Store' be used to purchase fire-proof cabinets for use in the existing pharmacy store. You will recall that I said I was writing to Dennis Davis who, in 1977, reported to Government on various aspects of fire prevention in the Colony.

When I wrote to Mr Davis I asked specifically about fireproof cabinets within the existing building. I also took the opportunity of enquiring about other more general aspects of his report. His proposals for fire precautions within the hospital were extremely comprehensive and I was keen to discover why my predecessor had singled out an Inflammable Store as the main priority. I therefore asked Mr Davis if he would make an attempt to list the recommendations in his original report in some order of importance so that, were it not financially possible to carry out all his recommendations, we might direct the money available to the most important areas.

As I suspected, the construction of an Inflammable Store, although desirable was well down the priority list. Our first concern should be to ensure adequate means of escape and complete the structural alterations necessary to isolate high risk areas from main circulation areas in order to preserve these means of escape.

Obviously this work and all the other measures suggested are going to cost considerably more than £1500. Before going any further it would be useful to know Government's official policy decision on the Davis Report and what attitude I could expect were I to make more detailed proposals regarding fire protection for the Hospital. In the meantime, I would suggest that we do not spend the £1500 on an Inflammable Store.

Keith Dunnett

Keith Dunnett
Senior Medical Officer

Director Public Works
Public Works Dept
Stanley


FIRE BRIGADE TRAINING

With the vastly increased numbers of people living and working in Stanley and the consequent increase in fire risk, the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade is anxious to improve the efficiency of his fire fighting volunteers by providing regular training sessions.

2. While we have a Forces Fire Officer at post (the present holder of this office is Mr Tony Watts) we also have the opportunity of benefiting from his long experience and up to the minute knowledge of UK training techniques. He has kindly offered to assist in any way possible, especially in organised practices and training sessions.

3. Under the present circumstances I consider it justified that Heads of Departments and employers should be requested to allow fire brigade volunteers within their organisations to have fully paid time off during working hours if necessary to attend training sessions. It is hoped that these would not need to be too frequent once some intensive initial sessions have been held, but it will nevertheless be important to establish regularity.

4. Mr Watts has agreed to assist Mr McPhee with a first training meeting to be held at 1:30 pm this Thursday, 26th May, at the Central Fire Station and it would be appreciated if you could co-operate by releasing for an hour or so at that time any of your employees who would like to take part.


F E Baker

Ag Civil Commissioner

cc. Stanley Manager, FIC
Manager, Cable & Wireless PLC

Heads of Departments FIG
Team Leader FIARDC (GTU)

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE STANLEY

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS FOR THE
HELP YOU GAVE WITH OUR FIRES

DOREEN TERRY CLIFTON

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20.7.84

FOR ALASTAIR

WE ARE ORDERING A CARMICHAEL FIRE WATER TENDER, ACCESSORIES TO WHICH INCLUDE BREATHING APPARATUS.

IT WOULD BE MOST PROFITABLE IF BRIAN SUMMERS AND MIKE LUXTON, BOTH NOW IN BRITAIN, COULD VISIT CARMICHAEL FIRE DIVISION, GREGORY'S MILL STREET, WORCESTER, TO BE INSTRUCTED IN USE OF APPARATUS AND GENERAL BRIEFING ON TENDER ITSELF.

PLEASE ARRANGE IN CONSULTATION WITH TOM GREENWOOD (HOME OFFICE FIRE INSPECTOR) AND KEEP POWER (ODA) AND JARROLD (FCO) INFORMED.

WE ARE ALSO CONSIDERING PURCHASE FIRE PUMPS MANUFACTURED BY GODIVA, OF CHARLES STREET, WARWICK. SUMMERS AND LUXTON COULD PROFITABLY VISIT THEM. IF GREENWOOD CAN SUGGEST FURTHER VISITS OR COURSE OF INSTRUCTION WE WOULD BE GLAD TO CONSIDER THEM.

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BERNARD
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FOR ALASTAIR

AMENDMENT. TODAY'S EARLIER TELEX ON THIS SHOULD HAVE READ:-

1. FURTHER TO BERNARD'S TELEX 20.7.84. ON TRAINING FOR BRIAN SUMMERS AND MIKE LUXTON. ROBERT FINLAYSON WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE BETWEEN 10-23 SEPTEMBER ONLY, FOR SIMILAR TRAINING. GRATEFUL YOU ARRANGE FOR HIM TO ATTEND ANYTHING ARRANGED FOR THAT PERIOD.
2. HIS CONTACT ADDRESS I WILL BE:
C/O MR AND MRS T. O. MCPHEE
29 MAGPIE DRIVE
ROWANS
TOTTEN
SOUTHAMPTON.
TELEPHONE 0703 872201

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SECRETARIAT
STANLEY

24th July 1984

STANLEY FIRE BRIGADE TRAINING

Arrangements have been made for all members of the Stanley Fire Brigade to receive Fire Fighting training during the afternoons of the dates shown below. In view of the benefit to the community of this voluntary organisation I very much hope that you will release all members in your employment to attend these training sessions, without financial penalty to themselves.

The dates on which training will take place are as follows:-

8th August 84	16th Jan 85
22nd August 84	13th Feb 85
5th Sept 84	13th Mar 85
19th Sept 84	10th April 85
17th Oct 84	15th May 85
14th Nov 84	12th June 85
12th Dec 84	10th July 85

Yours faithfully


FOR GOVERNMENT SECRETARY

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COPIES OF THIS LETTER WERE SENT TO:-

1. Stanley Manager
Falkland Islands Company Ltd
Stanley
2. The Manager
Cable and Wireless PLC
Stanley
3. Mr Les Lee
Stanley
4. Mr W Morrison
Foreman, East Jetty
Stanley
5. Mr D Castle
Manager
West Store
Stanley

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

No. 111 /84

Fire Fighting Equipment

Honourable Members were informed at the meeting of Executive Council held on 11 July that SFC had voted £120,000 for the purchase of new fire fighting equipment in accordance with the schedule attached to Executive Council Memorandum No. 80/84.

In the 'Priority One' category, an order was placed for a Carmichael Water Tender on 20 July for delivery in six to seven months ex-works. Some of the Small Gear in the same category was ordered as part of the Water Tender package and comprised the breathing apparatus, the distress signal units, guide lines and torches. Quotations for the remainder of the Small Gear have now been obtained and orders will be placed after further consultations with the Forces Fire Officer. Before the uniforms can be ordered it is necessary to identify what mix of sizes would be required. The measurements of a few firemen are yet to be obtained, when the full 30 sets will be ordered.

The 'Priority Two' list was for five 'Godiva' trailer pumps complete with noses and accessories, which were ordered on 6 August.

'Priority Three' was for a Hose Layer and quotations have been requested from manufacturers.

The 'Priority Four' list included items of Small Gear. The B.A. Test Box was ordered on 20 July and suppliers are being identified for the compressed air saw and hydraulic jack.

Training

Two members of the Stanley Fire Brigade (Messrs. Luxton and Summers) are now in England and a third (Mr. Finlayson) will be there in September. FIGO has been asked to make contact with them to try to arrange a familiarisation visit to the manufacturers of the equipment on order and to be given instruction in the use of the breathing apparatus.

The Secretariat,
Stanley.

13th August, 1984.

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FOR MIKE RENDELL

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RE YR TLX TNC/33/1 OF 6.8.84

NEITHER SUMMERS NOR LUXTON SHOW ANY ENTHUSIASM FOR TRAINING VISITS. LUXTON INDICATES HE MAY WELL LEAVE BRIGADE BECAUSE OF POOR ORGANISATION AND HIS FIDF COMMITMENTS.

BOTH DEPART UK ON 9 SEPTEMBER.

I WOULD SUGGEST WE INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING KEENLEYSIDE/FINDLAYSON VISIT. GRATEFUL FOR KEENLEYSIDE'S CONTACT ADDRESS SHOULD YOU APPROVE.

REGARDS
ALASTAIR+

RE STANLEY HOSPITAL FUND : PDS 80 WAS MERELY 50+80 (RUNNING TOTAL).

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FOR ALISTAIR CAMERON

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RE YOUR TLX OF 7.8.84 CONCERNING FIRE BRIGADE TRAINING
COULD YOU ARRANGE FOR C KEENLEYSIDE AND R FINLAYSON TO
UNDERTAKE MAXIMUM OF 4 DAYS TRAINING ON COMPLETION OF
THEIR RESPECTIVE TRAINING COURSES WITH CABLE AND WIRELESS.
JOHN CHEEK HAS AGREED PROVIDED THAT THIS TIME LIMIT IS NOT
EXCEEDED.

KEENLEYSIDE FINISHES HIS COURSE TOWARDS END OCTOBER 84
AND FINLAYSON END JUNE 85.

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER AT C AND W TRAINING COLLEGE IS 73 672477

REGARDS

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29th August, 1984

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Chief Executive.

Since the KEMH fire, the whole business of fire precautions and fire-fighting in Stanley has entered a new dimension. We have modern, sophisticated equipment on order from Britain. Some volunteer members of the Stanley Fire Brigade now in Britain will attend courses of instruction arranged with the manufacturers of that equipment and, with the assistance of the Home Office Fire Inspectorate, be given some training in fire-fighting techniques. The DPW and the CPO are searching for a site suitable for a new Stanley Fire Brigade Station to house the two 'Carmichael' fire engines; the five 'Godiva' water pumps and the Land Rover hose layer.

All of this raises two important questions.

First, can we continue to rely on the enthusiastic but amateur volunteers who constitute the present 'brigade'? Is it not time to recruit at least the nucleus of a professional team properly trained and appointed to full-time posts?

Secondly, can we continue to afford to have as Fire Officer on Scale E15 at £4596 p.a. a semi-literate person who is known to be drunk most nights?

A further point is that of conflicting FIDE and Fire Brigade loyalties. You know that I have asked for a nominal roll of FIDE personnel to be prepared to identify the civilian occupations of all members. From that we will be able to see the extent to which the current enthusiasm of Fire Brigade volunteers for service in the FIDE makes for an ineffective fire-fighting capability when the Defence Force is in Camp on training.

The KEMH fire and loss of life has precipitated an over-reaction. If we implemented every intelligent and, by British standards, reasonable recommendation on fire precautions, fire prevention and fire-fighting measures, we would pre-empt expenditure on any other major project in the budget and probably bankrupt the Colony before the end of the financial year.

This minute is not written to be a definitive paper for Executive Council, but to highlight a problem which might be dealt with as follows:-

- (a) ask the Forces Fire Officer to draft a Job Description for the post of Chief Fire Officer.
- (b) seek Executive Council authority to create that post and determine its salary scale.
- (c) advertise it in the Colony.
- (d) if unfilled by a local appointment, to seek a TCO secondment with a brief to recommend a suitable structure and establishment (It should be understood that this could imply the further secondment of Fire Officers on TCO terms similar to those presently applicable to Police Officers and Nurses).

Government Secretary.

TNC 33/1

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TYPE: Draft/Final 1+

FROM: H. E.,
Civil Commissioner.

Reference

DEPARTMENT:

TEL. NO:

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

Top Secret
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UnclassifiedTO: M. R. Green, Esq.,
Force Fire Officer,
C/o Headquarters,
British Forces Falkland Islands.

Your Reference

Copies to:

30/11/84

PRIVACY MARKING

SUBJECT:

.....In Confidence

CAVEAT.....

I would like to take the opportunity before you depart from the Falkland Islands to thank you for the sterling work that you have put in on behalf of this government.

Less than a month after your arrival came the tragic fire at the K.E.M.H. and, in its aftermath, the Commission of Enquiry. More recently you have assisted us in ordering new equipment for the Stanley Fire Brigade; carried out fire inspections of our public buildings and given steady guidance to our Fire Superintendent.

I understand that you may also be able to help us in Britain, to represent us when the newly-ordered fire tender goes through its final acceptance trials at the Carmichael works. This will be particularly important for us, and we are most grateful to you.

Enclosures—flag(s).....

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EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON
15TH AUGUST 1984

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(8/84-23)

37. FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT (Memo 111/84)

Council noted the content of this Memorandum with regard to new fire fighting equipment and training for members of the Fire Brigade.

Discussion regarding the composition of the Fire Brigade revealed the fact that $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Fire Brigade were also members of the FIDF. It was agreed that this matter be considered in accordance with, and along the lines of, minute 29.1 with regard to reserved occupations.



CLERK OF COUNCILS

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

No. 134/84

The Stanley Fire Brigade

Since the KEMH fire, the whole business of fire precautions and fire-fighting in Stanley has entered a new dimension. For the Fire Brigade we have modern, sophisticated equipment costing £120,000 on order from Britain. Fire prevention materials, detection equipment and associated works to a value of £100,000 have been authorised for the temporary hospital. The Director of Public Works has estimated that the cost of implementing the recommendations made for the Town Hall by the Force Fire Officer could be of the order of £50,000. The estimated cost of protecting Government House is £20,000 and we have not yet examined other public buildings such as the Secretariat - with one narrow stairway to the first floor and no fire escapes.

Honourable Members will wish to consider whether the Capital of the Colony can continue to rely on the enthusiastic but amateur volunteers who constitute the present Fire Brigade, and to ask if it is not time to appoint a professional to lead it.

The current Fire Officer is on salary scale S15 at £4596 p.a. A list of members of the FIDF, to show individual occupations and commitment to Fire Brigade duties, is attached.

Honourable Members are invited to recommend that:

- (a) the Force Fire Officer be asked to draft a Job Description for the post of Chief Fire Officer.
- (b) they authorise the creation of such a post and determine its salary scale.
- (c) if no suitable candidate can be found in the Colony, that a TCO secondment be sought.
- (d) in the matter of Reserved Occupations, they instruct the Commanding Officer of the FIDF to ensure that the Manager of Cable and Wireless understands the implications of three of his technicians having a first loyalty to the FIDF; that the following occupations be designated as Reserved:- Police, Doctors, Nurses, Power Station and Water Plant operators, and that any applications for membership of the FIDF from such employees be referred to the Chief Executive for appraisal.

The Secretariat,
Stanley.

14th September, 1984.

Ref: TNC/33/1.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Fire Brigade Members</u>	
		<u>Active.</u>	<u>Non-Active.</u>
Major P. Peck	Clerk, Central Stores.		
Capt. B. Summers	Supervisor, Cable & Wireless.-----	✓	
Lt. G. Cheek	Director, Civil Aviation. -----	✓	
Lt. M. Rendell	Secretariat.		
C.S.M. L. McGill	Office Manager, P.W.D. -----		✓
C/Sgt. L. Harris	Superintendent, Power & Electrical.		
Sgt. R. Finlayson	Technician, Cable & Wireless.-----	✓	
Sgt. V. Steen	Chief Tech., Civil Aviation.		
Sgt. M. Clarke	Launchman, FIC. -----	✓	
Cpl. L. Biggs	Carpenter.		
Cpl. D. Clarke	Contract Shearer.		
Cpl. A. Brownlee	Secretariat.		
Cpl. P. Rozee	Plant Operator, P.W.D.		
L/Cpl. S. Halford	Registrar.		
L/Cpl. F. Biggs	Income Tax Officer.		
L/Cpl. S. Chelchowski	Accountant, FIC.		
L/Cpl. J. Smith	Draughtsman, P.W.D.-----	✓	
L/Cpl. S. Wallace	Office Mgr., Cable & Wireless.-----	✓	
Pte. G. Bound	Journalist.		
Pte. A. Davies	Handyman, FIPASS.		
Pte. R. Davis	Handyman.		
Pte. S. Goss	Technician, Telecomms. Sec.		
Pte. D. Hansen	Handyman, Telecomms. Sec.		
Pte. C. Harris	Trainee Tech., Cable & Wireless. -----		✓
Pte. D. Hawksworth	Cafe Proprietor.		
Pte. P. King	Clerk to Councils.		
Pte. R. King	Clerk, Customs & Harbour.		
Pte. M. Luxton	Supplies Officer, Central Stores.-----		✓
Pte. R. Macaskill	Survey Dept., P.W.D.		
Pte. R. Neal	Floor Manager, West Store.		
Pte. B. Peck	Handyman.-----		✓
Pte. D. Pettersson	Technician, Telecomms. Sec.		
Pte. F. Roberts	Mechanic, P.W.D.-----		✓
Pte. M. Smith	Apprentic Electrician, Power & Elec.✓		
Pte. Z. Stephenson	Carpenter, P.W.D.		
Pte. T. Summers	Technician, Aviation Department.-----		✓
Pte. F. Wallace	Customs & Harbour.		
Rec. D. Green	Labourer.		
Rec. T. Dormer	A.R.C.		
Rec. C. May	Labourer, P.W.D.		
Rec. P. McKay	Driver, P.W.D.		

<u>Name</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Fire Brigade Members</u>	
		<u>Active.</u>	<u>Non-Active.</u>
Rec. A. Keir	Technician, Cable & Wireless.		
Rec. E. Watson	Butchery.		
W/Rec. F. Buckland	Clerk, G.T.U.		
W/Rec. R. Allan	Secretary, FIC.		
W/Rec. L. Crompton	Clerk, Treasury.		
W/Rec. L. Coutts	Assistant, West Store.		
W/Rec. P. Hawksworth	Proprietor, Cafe.		
W/Rec. T. Feck	Clerk, Treasury.		
W/Rec. V. Perkins	Clerk, FIC.		
W/Rec. D. Forter	Assistant, West Store.		
W/Rec. W. Ross	Announcer, F.I.B.S.		
W/Rec. J. Thain	Clerk, Cable & Wireless.		

Total: 53 members in Stanley.

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FOR MIKE RENDELL

Re 103

FIRE BRIGADE TRAINING

REF : 303

TOM GREENWOOD ADVISES THAT FORCE FIRE OFFICER IN BEST POSITION TO GIVE AUTHORATIVE INSTRUCTION ON USE OF TENDERS AND NEW EQUIPMENT. (WHICH I BELIEVE IS ALREADY HAPPENING) AND SUGGESTS IF NECESSARY NEXT FFO COULD TAKE INSTRUCTION HERE ON SPECIFIC ITEMS BEFORE DEPARTURE. I COULD PURSUE POSSIBILITY IF YOU WISH.

GREENWOOD SUGGESTS USEFUL SHORT COURSE IN UK WOULD BE USE/ MAINTENANCE OF B.A.'S. MANUFACTURERS RUN ONE WEEK COURSES EACH MONTH AT COST OF PDS 550 (INCLUSIVE). I AM AWAITING CONTACT FROM KEENLEYSIDE BUT DATES MIGHT NOT SUIT AND WE WOULD REQUIRE AUTHORITY FROM FIG FOR THIS EXPENDITURE.

ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TWO DAY VISIT TO KEENLEYSIDE + FINDLAYSON BY INSTRUCTOR AT COST OF C. PDS 560 BUT THIS MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE.

GRATEFUL YR REACTION TO THESE SUGGESTIONS

REGARDS

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PARA 2 : PLS INSERT 'FOR KEENLEYSIDE?FINDLAYSON AFTER
'SHORT COURSE' THANKS AKC+

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YOUR REF: 303
FOR ALASTAIR CAMERON

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FIRE BRIGADE TRAINING YR TELEX 10.9.84 REFERS.

1. EXCO AND SFC HAVE APPROVED ONE WEEK COURSE IN PA USE AND MAINTENANCE FOR BOTH KEENLEYSIDE AND FINLAYSON PRIOR TO THEIR RESPECTIVE RETURN. YOU ARE REQUESTED HOWEVER TO TRY AND NEGOTIATE REDUCTION IN COST OF COURSE ON GROUNDS THAT WE ARE BUYING THEIR EQUIPMENT, THAT WE ARE NOT RICH, ETC. JOHN CHEEK HAS AGREED TO BOTH MEN STAYING ON UNTIL NEXT AVAILABLE PA COURSE AFTER C AND W TRAINING COMPLETED. COULD YOU NOW ARRANGE KEENLEYSIDE COURSE AND ADVISE DATES?

2. WILL RESPOND TO FFO TRAINING SUGGESTIONS SHORTLY.

REGARDS
MIKE.

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G.F.H. Mitchell, Esq., MI Fire E.,
Chief Fire Officer (Army),
H.Q. Army Fire Service,
Delhi Barracks,
Tidworth,
Hants.

10th September, 1934

Dear Mr. Mitchell,

I write to seek your approval for Martyn Green to act as the Falkland Islands Government technical representative when our newly ordered Carmichael Water Tender goes through its final acceptance at the Carmichael works in a few months' time, as discussed with him before he left the Falklands some six weeks ago. It would be particularly important for us to be able to call upon his technical expertise and local knowledge - a most valuable combination. Incidentally, Martyn played a major part in drawing up the specification, and so will be well acquainted with this particular vehicle.

The Falkland Islands Government could not hold Martyn or the Army Fire Service liable in any way, and our London representative would be attending the acceptance and would sign any certificates (on Martyn's advice). We would also undertake to pay any expenses related to Martyn's participation.

Finally, I would like to pass on our renewed thanks to all locally-based Force Fire Officers for their untiring work and advice in support of the Fire Brigade and the civil administration.

Yours sincerely,

(B. E. Fauncefort).

cc: Alastair Cameron

jdd.

From: Mr G F H Mitchell QFSM MI Fire E



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Chief Fire Service Officer (Army)
Headquarters Army Fire Service
Delhi Barracks Tidworth Hants

Telephone:
Army Network Tidworth Military
or STD Code 098-04-6221 Ext 2234

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21st September 1984

Mr B Pouncefort OBE
Government Secretary

Dear Mr Pouncefort

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Thank you for your letter of the 10 September 1984 relating to Martyn Green and the new Water Tender. I fully appreciate the problems that face you and the necessity of someone who is fully aware of the Falklands problems to act as you request. I have no objections and will discuss the matter with Martyn Green accordingly.

Your kindly words expressed on the work of the AFS Officers who carry out the tours of duty as Falklands Fire Officers are indeed good to hear and greatly appreciated.

I am forwarding this correspondence together with your letter to Martyn Green instructing him to liaise accordingly.

Yours Sincerely
Gordon Mitchell

Major General P.E. de la C. de la Billiere,
CBE, DSO, MC,
Headquarters,
British Forces Falkland Islands.

24th September, 1984

When Executive Council discussed my Memorandum on the Stanley Fire Brigade, I mentioned the great help and assistance the fire-fighters have had from a number of servicemen who have given of their free time to organise training sessions.

They are: Sgt. Bob Foster,
Flt/Sgt. Lawton,
Sgt. John Miller.

Sgt. Foster is scheduled to leave the Colony on 22nd or 29th September.

(B. E. Fauncefort).

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From: Mr M R Green, FSOI, District Fire Adviser

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Mr B Pauncefort OBE
Government Secretary
Government Secretary's Office
Stanley
FALKLAND ISLAND

Your reference TN/13/2
Our reference MRG/FI/84
Date 2 October 1984

Dear Mr Pauncefort

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The Chief Fire Officer (Army) has forwarded on a copy of your letter requesting that I act as your technical adviser for the new Carmichael Water Tender, and I readily accept to do this on your behalf. Mr Mitchell has suggested that we, and your London representative liaise directly on this.

During my tour, I became very attached to the Falkland Islands, and the Stanley Fire Brigade in particular. The brigade has the potential to become a valuable asset to the islands, and I sincerely hope that the Force Fire Officers will continue to give their support to achieve this aim.

If at anytime in the future I can be of further assistance to the Falkland Island Government or the Brigade, do not hesitate to ask.

Yours faithfully

Mr Green.

9.10.84 REF:303

FOR MIKE RENDELL

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FIRE BRIGADE TRAINING: YOUR REF: TNC/33/1

KEENLEYSIDE HAS CONFIRMED THAT HE CAN ATTEND DRAEGER SAFETY B.A. TRAINING COURSE 12 - 16 NOVEMBER. DRAEGER HAVE AGREED TO WAIVE COST OF TRAINING, THUS WE WILL ONLY BE LIABLE FOR ACCOMMODATION COSTS (APPROX. PDS250).

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*John Cheek informed - no objection
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19 October 1984

Executive Officer (Rehabilitation)

Assistant Director of Public Works

115-116 also refer

Volunteer Fire Brigade Insurance

Mr Lampitt the Force Fire Officer has recommended that cover should be increased to the equivalent of five years salary for up to six members of the Fire Brigade. This would of course considerably increase the premiums payable and it is for you to apply to SFC for additional funds if required.

I enclose related correspondence and suggest that you deal directly with FIC when you have agreed on your requirements. Would you let me know the outcome in due course please for our files.

DR

H. Rendell.