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**1974 No. 1056 (S.89)**

**RATING AND VALUATION**

**The Valuation (Combination of Councils) (Scotland) Order 1974**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>14th June 1974</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>28th June 1974</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>19th July 1974</i>

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 116(5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973(a) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, it appearing to me that it would be of public or local advantage for the council of the Highland Region and the councils of the three islands areas to combine for certain of their functions under the Valuation Acts, I hereby make the following order:—

1. This order may be cited as the Valuation (Combination of Councils) (Scotland) Order 1974 and shall come into operation on 19th July 1974.

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the interpretation of this order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) In this order:—

“the Act” means the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973;

“the Valuation Acts” has the meaning assigned to it by section 116(8) of the Act;

“councils” means the councils of the Highland Region, the Orkney Islands Area, the Shetland Islands Area and the Western Isles Islands Area.

“joint committee” has the meaning assigned to it by section 235(1) of the Act.

3. The councils shall be combined for certain of their functions under the Valuation Acts, namely:—

(a) the appointment of an assessor and such number of depute assessors and other officers as may be necessary to assist him;

(b) the determination of their remuneration, allowances and terms and conditions of service;

(c) their dismissal or removal from office; and

(d) the provision of such office accommodation as may be necessary for the efficient execution of the combined functions.

4.—(1) For the purpose of discharging the said functions there shall be a joint committee which, subject to paragraph (2) below, shall consist of 7 members,

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(a) 1973 c. 65.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

of whom 4 shall be appointed by the council of the Highland Region and 1 shall be appointed by each islands area council.

(2) Each council may appoint substitute members not exceeding the number set out above and any substitute member may attend any meeting of the Joint Committee in place of any appointed member and shall have the same voting power.

(3) The provisions of section 57(3) and (5) of the Act shall apply to the joint committee appointed under paragraph (1) above as they apply to a joint committee appointed under section 57(1).

5. The provisions of section 58 of the Act shall apply to the joint committee appointed under paragraph (1) of article 4 above as they apply to a joint committee appointed under Part V of the Act.

*William Ross,*  
One of Her Majesty's  
Principal Secretaries of State.

St. Andrew's House,  
Edinburgh  
14th June 1974.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order provides for the combination of the councils of the Highland Region, the Orkney Islands Area, the Shetlands Islands Area and the Western Isles Islands Area for the purpose of certain of their functions relating to valuation, and for the administration of these functions by a joint committee of the four authorities.

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