Devolution of Title to the Secretary of State for Defence

The devolution of the functional powers originally held by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department in 1892 through to the Secretary of State for Defence as at the beginning of the 21st Century can be followed through the diagram detailed below:

PRESIDENT OF THE AIR COUNCIL
Air Force (Constitution) Act 1917
Air Force (Application of Enactments)(No.1) Order 1918
Admiralty Act 1832, S.7

THE COMMISSIONERS FOR EXECUTING THE OFFICE OF LORD HIGH ADMIRAL OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND
Military Lands Act 1892 to 1903
Admiralty Lands & Works Requisitioned Land & War Works Act 1945 & 1948
Admiralty Powers Act 1865 Lands Tribunal Act 1949
Naval Works Act 1895(confers some Defence Act)
Manns Principles Act 1958
Finance Act 1944, S.46 (Stamp duty exemption)

HER MAJESTY'S PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT
Defense Acts 1842-1953
Ordnance Board Transfer Act 1855
Barracks Act 1890 S.11
War Department Property Act 1938
Also Acts at “A”

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AIR
Air Navigation Act 1936
Also Acts at “A”

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION
Ministry of Civil Aviation Act 1945
Civil Aviation Act 1949

MINISTER OF TRANSPORT & CIVIL AVIATION
Transfer of Functions (Ministry of Civil Aviation) Order 1953 SI 1204

MINISTER OF AVIATION
Minister of Aviation Order 1959 SI 1768
(changed title to Minister of Aviation)

MINISTER OF SUPPLY
(see also ATOMIC ENERGY)
Ministry of Supply Act 1939
Ministry of Supply (Transfer of Powers)(No.3) Order 1939 SR & OP 877
Ministers of the Crown (Transfer of Functions) Act 1946
Minister of Aviation Order 1959 SI 1768

MINISTER OF FUEL & POWER
Ministers of the Crown (Emergency Appointments) Act 1939
Ministers of the Crown (Minister of Fuel & Powers) Order 1942 SR & O.1132
Minister of Fuel & Power Act 1945
Transfer of Functions (Petroleum) Order 1946 SR & O.377

MINISTER OF POWER
Minister of Fuel & Power (Change of Style & Title) Order 1957 SI 48
Land Powers (Defence Act) 1958
Transfer of Functions (Iron & Steel) Order 1957 SI 95
Minister of Technology Order 1969 SI 1498

MINISTER OF TECHNOLOGY
(see also ATOMIC ENERGY)
Ministers of the Crown Act 1964
The Minister of Technology Order 1964 SI 2048
Science & Technology Act 1965
The Minister of Technology Order 1965 SI 125
The Science & Technology Act 1965 (Commencement No.1) Order 1965 SI 597 (c.3)
The Science & Technology Act 1965 (Commencement No.2) Order 1965 SI 1127 (c.6)
The Ministry of Aviation (Dissolution) Order 1967 SI 155
(This transferred what was left after BOT and BAA had taken their entitlements)
Industrial Expansion Act 1968
The Minister of Technology Order 1969 SI 1498
The Secretary of State for Trade & Industry Order 1970 SI 1537

MINISTER OF AVIATION SUPPLY
The Secretary of State for Trade & Industry Order 1970 SI 1537
The Ministry of Aviation Supply (Dissolution) Order SI 719

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE
Defense (Transfer of Functions) Act 1964
Defense (Transfer of Functions) (Appointed Day) Order 1964 SI 487
Defense (Transfer of Functions) (No.1) Order 1964 SI 488
The Ministry of Aviation Supply (Dissolution) Order 1971 SI 719
Atomic Energy Authority (Weapons Group) Act 1973
The Atomic Energy Authority (Weapons Group) Act 1973
(Appointed Day) Order 1973 SI 463