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Acronyms and Abbreviations

AM	Assembly Member [National Assembly for Wales]
BIC	British Irish Council
CoR	(EU) Committee of the Regions
DEFRA	Department for the Environment, Rural Affairs and Agriculture
DEL	Delegated Expenditure Limit (of a government department or devolved administration)
DfES	Department for Education and Skills
DG	Directorate-General (of the European Commission)
DH	UK Department of Health
DTLR	Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions
DUP	Democratic Unionist Party
ECJ	European Court of Justice
ELWa	Education and Learning Wales
FCO	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
FEDS	Framework for Economic Development in Scotland
GLA	Greater London Assembly
IGR	Intergovernmental Relations
IMC	Independent Monitoring Commission
IRA	Irish Republican Army
MLA	Member of the Legislative Assembly [for Northern Ireland]
MP	Member of Parliament [Westminster]
MSP	Member of the Scottish Parliament
NESNO	North-East Says No campaign
NHS	National Health Service
NIO	Northern Ireland Office
NORPEC	Network of Regional Parliamentary European Committees
ODPM	Office of the Deputy Prime Minister
OMC	Open Method of Coordination
PUP	Popular Unionist Party

RAE	Research Assessment Exercise
RDA	Regional Development Agency
RED	Regional Emphasis Document
RSS	Regional Spatial Strategy
SDLP	Social Democratic and Labour Party
SF	Sinn Féin
SNP	Scottish National Party
SRA	Strategic Rail Authority
SSC	Sector Skills Council
SSDA	Sector Skills Development Agency
STV	Single Transferable Vote electoral system
TfL	Transport for London
UKRep	United Kingdom Permanent Representation to the European Union
UUP	Ulster Unionist Party
WAG	Welsh Assembly Government
WDA	Welsh Development Agency
WJEC	Welsh Joint Education Committee
WTD	European Working Time Directive

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