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On 1 April 1992, ADAS became an agency. This remains within the broad civil service structure but is headed by its own Chief Executive, Dr. Julia Walsh, and has its own management board.

The new agency deals with all land-based industries both in UK and elsewhere, embracing all aspects of consultancy and R & D. The ADAS objective is to be the leading UK consultancy/extension organisation in its field.

Re-structuring occurred as the new agency was launched ; headquarters moved to Oxford from London and business was broadly organised between Consultancy Centres and R & D Centres. Additionally, a small number of Development Centres were instituted. Their function is information handling and maintenance of a view on the industry, clearly their contacts are very wide and they bridge the gap between consultancy and R & D.

Further details of the new organisation can be obtained as required from the author.