

10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

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The Prime Minister has been following with interest the correspondence between colleagues about Civil Service arrangements for accelerated promotion and premature retirement.

She has considerable sympathy with the points made by the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and the Secretary of State for Social Services about the role of the Civil Service Appeal Board. She agrees that there is a case for reviewing the continued need for CSAB, although she recognises that this may need to await the resolving of the present pay issues.

I am sending copies of this letter to David Heyhoe (Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster's Office), Don Brereton (Department of Health and Social Security) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

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