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THE PRIME MINISTER

25 March, 1982

Dear Pam,

Thank you for your letter of 18 March, about Motec.

It was kind of you and Alec Kitson to invite me to visit Motec. I admire your effective presentation of your case on the issue, and I see that you have already found two opportunities to raise it in the House, even though you were not reached at Question time on the 18th.

As you will know from your discussion with Peter Morrison, it must be for the Road Industry Training Board to decide the future of its Centres in the light of what it considers to be the training needs of the industry.

Given the sharp fall in the number of trainees at the Centres last year, it is understandable that the Board has decided to review their future.

I have carefully considered whether I could take up your invitation in May, but I fear that my programme makes this impossible.

I do much appreciate your courtesy in letting me know in advance what you propose to raise with me at Question time. I entirely agree that there is much to be said for informed exchanges, and I am sure that the public would get a better

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impression from media coverage of Parliament if more of Prime Minister's Questions could be handled in an atmosphere of calm and knowledgeable discussion.

Yours sincerely
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