
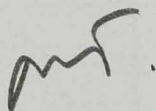


EducationPRIME MINISTER

Lady Young's Ministerial Committee on ILEA has been generating a great deal of paper. These minutes reflect their first attempt to sift through the arguments and options presented. They have ruled out handing education to each individual borough, or putting the GLC in direct charge. They have concluded that there must be a single authority for higher and further education.

The idea that individual boroughs could secede is still alive. Meanwhile, the Committee wants to have a close look at the implications of block grants, and wants some better evidence of inner city educational performance for comparative purposes.

I hear that a directly elected ILEA looks the likeliest outcome at present. The Committee is not looking to carry its work to a conclusion until the tail end of the Recess.

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