PRIME MINISTER

INDEX-LINKED PENSIONS

I was talking to David Young yesterday, and he mentioned to me that he had discovered by chance that Crown Agents run a fully funded index-linked pension scheme for its employees. The contributions total 35% of pay roll - he is not sure how much of this is paid by the employee and how much by Crown Agents themselves.

He understands that Crown Agents do <u>not</u> extend this scheme to new recruits!

Crown Agents did apparently report particulars of their scheme to the Scott Enquiry.

I am copying this minute to Geoffrey Howe.

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