



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Principal Private Secretary

Sir Robert Armstrong

Nationalised Industries: Cabinet Committee

I have shown the Prime Minister your minute A05521 of 15 September, and she has agreed your proposals for the terms of reference and membership of the new committee to consider issues of nationalised industries policy.

She is also content that the Head of the CPRS and the Head of the new Nationalised Industries Review Staff in the CPRS should attend meetings of the committee. She has reservations, however, about the suggestion that members of the committee might be free to bring to meetings the Head of their Departmental Unit which deals with the affairs of a particular industry. She would sooner take decisions ad hoc about the attendance of departmental officials in the light of the business before the Committee.

The Prime Minister agrees with you that we should wait and see whether we need to set up an official committee to support the Ministerial Committee.

G. A. WHITMORE

17 September, 1981.

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1. Prime Minister
Agree these changes?
Yes
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MR. WHITMORE

Cabinet Committees

This minute makes proposals for changes in the composition of Ministerial Committees (other than the five main Committees dealt with in my submission of 14th September) to take account of the changes in Ministerial appointments.

2. I attach copies of the existing compositions, with proposed changes noted in MS. The following points arise:

Agreed

(i) Sir Keith Joseph was Chairman of E(EA) on economic affairs and of E(PU) on Government procurement policy. It seems right that his successor as Secretary of State for Industry should take his place.

Agreed

(ii) Sir Keith Joseph was also Chairman of E(DL) on disposals of public sector assets. Some months ago the Chancellor of the Exchequer suggested that he should take over this chairmanship: now seems the right time for him to do so. In that event it seems unnecessary for both the Chief Secretary and the Financial Secretary to be members: I suggest that the Financial Secretary should remain as a member, and the Chief Secretary should be replaced by the Secretary of State for Transport whose Department is closely involved in the work of the Committee.

(iii) I have suggested that both Sir Keith Joseph and Mr. Prior should stay on E, but I see no reason to burden them with any of the E Sub-Committees.

(iv) The old Sub-Committee on Nationalised Industry Financing will no longer be required, as it has been agreed to set up a new committee on nationalised industries policy (see my separate minute).

(v) I have assumed that the Lord President should continue on all the Committees of which he was a member as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

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- (vi) I have assumed that the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster should replace the Lord President on all Committees of which he was a member as Minister in day to day charge of the Civil Service Department (E(PSP)), (E(PU)), (OD(HD)) or as Leader of the House of Lords (H(HL)), but not on Committees of which he was a member a titre personnel (OD(E)).
- (vii) I assume that Lord Gowrie should continue to be a member of H(HL).
- (viii) There is a problem about the Chairmanship of the Sub-Committee on Anglo-Irish Relations. You will remember that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary refused to take it, and only reluctantly agreed that Sir Ian Gilmour should do so. I don't think that it would be sensible to ask Mr. Atkins to take it. I therefore propose that Mr. Pym should be asked to take the chair - he is already a member - and that Mr. Atkins should be a member and represent the Foreign Office.
3. If the Prime Minister approves, we will put these changes into effect.

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Robert Armstrong

16th September 1981

**MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC STRATEGY
SUB-COMMITTEE ON DISPOSAL OF PUBLIC SECTOR ASSETS**

(Authority: E (DL) (79) 1, E (DL) (80) 2.)

Composition

~~Secretary of State for Industry (Chairman).~~ *Chancellor of the Exchequer (Chairman)*

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Secretary of State for the Environment.

Secretary of State for Trade.

Secretary of State for Energy.

← Secretary of State for Transport

~~Chief Secretary, Treasury.~~

Financial Secretary, Treasury.

Other Ministers will be invited to attend as appropriate.

Terms of reference

“To consider and keep under review all arrangements for the disposal of public sector assets, including land and buildings and for the introduction of private capital into the nationalised industries and to report as necessary to the Ministerial Committee on Economic Strategy.”

MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC STRATEGY
SUB-COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

(Authority: E (EA) (79) 1)

Composition

Secretary of State for Industry (Chairman).

~~Secretary of State for Employment.~~

Secretary of State for the Environment.

Secretary of State for Scotland.

Secretary of State for Wales.

Secretary of State for Trade.

Secretary of State for Energy.

Chief Secretary, Treasury.

Secretary of State for Employment

Other Ministers will be invited to attend as the nature of the business requires.

**MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC STRATEGY
SUB-COMMITTEE ON NATIONALISED INDUSTRY FINANCING**

(Authority: E (NF) (80) 1, E (NF) (81) 1)

Composition

Chancellor of the Exchequer (Chairman).
Secretary of State for Industry.
Secretary of State for the Environment.
Secretary of State for Scotland.
Secretary of State for Trade.
Secretary of State for Energy.
Secretary of State for Transport.
Chief Secretary, Treasury.

Terms of reference

"To consider the financial requirements of the nationalised industries and the means of financing them; and to report to the Ministerial Committee on Economic Strategy from time to time."

*Committee to be wound up, as superseded
by new Committee on Nationalised
Industries Policy (see separate minute).*

MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC STRATEGY
SUB-COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE PAY

(Authority: E (PSP) (80) 1, E (PSP) (81) 6.)

Composition

Chancellor of the Exchequer (Chairman).

~~Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Paymaster General.~~

Lord President of the Council.

~~Secretary of State for Employment.~~

Secretary of State for the Environment.

Secretary of State for Social Services.

Chief Secretary, Treasury.

Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

Secretary of State for Employment

Terms of Reference

“To co-ordinate the handling of pay issues in the public services, and to report as appropriate to the Ministerial Committee on Economic Strategy.”

MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC STRATEGY
SUB-COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT POLICY

(Authority: E (PU) (80) 1, E (PU) (81) 1.)

Composition

Secretary of State for Industry (Chairman).

~~Lord President of the Council.~~

~~Secretary of State for Employment.~~

Secretary of State for Defence.

↪ Lord Privy Seal.

↪ Secretary of State for the Environment.

↪ Secretary of State for Social Services.

↪ Secretary of State for Trade.

Chief Secretary, Treasury.

↪ Minister of State, Department of Industry (Mr. Baker).

↪ Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster
↪ Secretary of State for Employment

Terms of Reference

"To monitor and advise as required upon the opportunities inherent in public sector purchasing and procurement for strengthening the international competitiveness of British industry, and to report to the Ministerial Committee on Economic Strategy."

MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON EXPORTS

(Authority: EX (80) 1)

Composition

Prime Minister.

Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Secretary of State for Industry.

Secretary of State for Trade.

Terms of Reference

“To ensure that major cases involving Government support of exports are dealt with quickly and efficiently and to keep under review the arrangements for promoting the United Kingdom's international trade objectives”.

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HOME AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE HOUSE OF LORDS

(Authority: H(HL)(80) 1, H(HL)(81) 5)

Composition

~~Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Paymaster General (Chairman).~~Lord President of the Council (*Chairman*)

Secretary of State for Scotland.

/ Attorney-General. *Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster*

Lord Advocate.

Parliamentary Secretary, Treasury

Minister of State, Department of Industry (Mr Baker).

Minister of State, ~~Department of Employment~~ *Northern Ireland Office (Lord Gormie)*Minister of State, Department of Education and Science (Minister for
the Arts).

Captain of the Gentlemen-at-Arms.

Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office.

Terms of reference

"To consider and report on possible options for reforming the
composition and powers of the House of Lords."

DEFENCE AND OVERSEA POLICY COMMITTEE
SUB-COMMITTEE ON ANGLO-IRISH RELATIONS

(Authority: OD (AI) (81) 1)

Composition

~~Lord Privy Seal (Chairman).~~

~~Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Paymaster General~~ *Lord President of the Council
(Chairman)*

Secretary of State for Defence.

Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

Secretary of State for Trade.

← Lord Privy Seal

Secretary of State for ~~Energy~~ *Energy*

Chief Secretary, Treasury.

Minister of State, Home Office (Mr. Raison).

Other Ministers will be invited to attend as the nature of the business requires.

Terms of reference

"To give instructions for and oversee Her Majesty's Government's participation in the Anglo-Irish Joint Studies commissioned by the Prime Minister and the Taoiseach on 8th December 1980."

**DEFENCE AND OVERSEA POLICY COMMITTEE
SUB-COMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN QUESTIONS**

(Authority: OD (E) (79) 1)

Composition

Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (Chairman).

Chancellor of the Exchequer.

~~Lord President of the Council.~~

Lord Privy Seal.

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Secretary of State for Trade.

Attorney General.

Other Ministers will be invited to attend as the nature of the business requires.

Terms of reference

“To consider questions relating to the United Kingdom’s membership of the European Community.”

**DEFENCE AND OVERSEA POLICY COMMITTEE
SUB-COMMITTEE ON HOME DEFENCE**

(Authority: OD (HD) (80) 1, OD (HD) (81) 1)

Composition

Secretary of State for the Home Department (Chairman).

~~Lord President of the Council.~~

Secretary of State for Defence.

Secretary of State for Scotland.

Chief Secretary, Treasury.

Minister of State, Home Office (Mr. Mayhew).

← *Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster*

Other Ministers will be invited to attend as the nature of the business requires.

Terms of Reference

"To consider questions of home defence policy and planning and to report to the Defence and Oversea Policy Committee."

**DEFENCE AND OVERSEA POLICY COMMITTEE
SUB-COMMITTEE ON TERRORISM**

(Authority: OD (T) (79) 1)

Composition

Prime Minister.

Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

Secretary of State for Defence.

Secretary of State for Scotland.

Secretary of State for Trade.

Secretary of State for Energy.

Attorney General.

Terms of reference

“To keep under review the arrangements for dealing with terrorist incidents.”