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MEGAW AND THE TSRB

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I have seen the Chancellor of the Exchequer's minute of 13 October on this subject. I agree with his conclusion that there is a continuing need for independent advice on the pay of the Higher Civil Service and that this should continue to be provided by the TSRB. I am quite sure that pay cannot be negotiated at these levels.

I also share the Chancellor's view that we need more time to consider the Megaw recommendations about the pay structure of the Higher Civil Service and that in the meantime the TSRB should be told to formulate their advice for 1983 on the existing basis.

I am sending copies of this minute to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the other members of MISC 83, the Lord Chancellor and the Lord President.

*Janet Jay*

BARONESS YOUNG  
19 October 1982

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