

PRIME MINISTER

Equal Opportunity

H Committee considered at its meeting on 1 November the Lord Privy Seal's paper on equal opportunity in the Civil Service following the survey of ethnic minorities in the Civil Service in Leeds. They turned down the proposal for an announcement of a Civil Service-wide survey in favour of waiting for the second part of the Leeds survey which will cover applications for Civil Service jobs in Leeds.

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— The H minutes are attached at Flag A; also attached at Flag B is a note by Mr. Mount on the implications of monitoring ethnic origins and in particular on the presentation of the publication of the survey.

H Committee invited the Lord Privy Seal to circulate to the Committee in correspondence the draft of the announcement which would accompany the publication of the Leeds survey. Do you agree with Mr. Mount that the opportunity should be taken at the time of publication to stress the positive factors to which he refers in his note?

Yes - very much so.

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