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Dear Peter

Thank you for your letter of 31 July. ~~ATTACHED~~

My reply distinguishes between DOE (Central) and the Property Services Agency, in the latter case confined to the properties that they themselves occupy.

Appointment of an Energy Manager

DOE (Central) have, with the Department of Transport, appointed a full-time Energy Manager who works in the Property Management Unit that serves both Departments. The PSA have two staff engaged almost full-time on energy work.

Monitoring and Targeting system

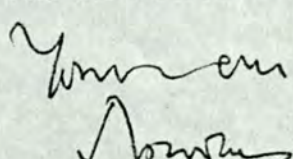
DOE (Central) are making detailed arrangements for the collection of consumption data for individual buildings to supplement that which the PSA already provide. We shall be using a suitable micro-computer to run your Department's sponsored software and to set energy consumption targets for individual buildings. The PSA are setting targets for electricity consumption in their London HQ buildings and will do the same for heating fuels from the Autumn. These arrangements will shortly be extended to their Regional Offices. Extensive use is being made of your Department's posters and publicity material.

DOE (Central)'s aim is to reduce expenditure by 20% in the four years up to 1989/90. The target reduction for the current financial year is 5% of a total fuel bill of £3.5 million. The PSA have set themselves a target saving of 12% on an annual spend of £2.5 million to be achieved in the 2 years up to March 1988.

Progress by the Department

DOE (Central) are optimistic that they can meet their 5% saving for this year and early indications are that the PSA may significantly exceed their 6% target.

A copy of this letter goes to the Prime Minister and Sir Robert Armstrong.


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