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Dear David,

Education without LEAs

You asked on Friday evening for some further details, for the Ministerial meeting on 27 October about the existing responsibilities of LEAs and the costs of staff employed by them. I attach two notes.

- (1) A brief list of LEA responsibilities, showing how they might be reallocated under the proposed new regime.
- (2) A rough breakdown into categories of staff, showing in particular the approximate numbers and salary costs which, as it were, go with the individual schools or colleges, and those which are attributable to the LEAs centrally run cadres.

I am copying this letter and the enclosures to Alex Allan and Robin Young.

yours sincerely,

R L Smith

Rob Smith.

S E C R E T

Reallocation of main LEA Responsibilities

To Governing Bodies

To other Agency

1. Ownership of premises and equipment
of county and special schools
and of FE colleges (1)

2. Employment of teaching and non-
teaching staff of county, controlled and
special schools and of FE
colleges (2)

(3) Financing of current expenditure
in respect of schools and FE colleges
and capital expenditure in respect
of county, controlled and special
schools and of FE colleges (3)

S E C R E T

To Governing Bodies

4. Determining the number, size, type and character of maintained schools and colleges, subject to certain rights of governor of voluntary schools and subject to the approval of the Secretary of State (4)

5. Influencing the curriculum through responsibilities 2. and 4 above.

To other Agency

5. Influencing the curriculum through responsibility 3. above.

6. Supervision of all maintained schools to ensure that appropriate and efficient education is provided there.

S E C R E T

To Governing Bodies

To other Agency

7. Ensuring a place at a suitable school for every child for whom parents seek education in the State sector; ~~securing~~ adequate further education provision; and placing in a suitable school children with severe handicaps or other serious special needs. These responsibilities may involve assistance with such items as transport to school and school clothing.
8. Enforcing school attendance for children aged 5-16.
9. Provision for advanced (higher education) courses; adult and continuing education; the youth service and the carrers service.

(5)

S E C R E T

NOTES:

- (1) Ownership might be allocated to a holding agency, but the effective right of ownership would vest in the governing bodies. Voluntary (i.e. aided and controlled schools) own their premises, although some controlled school premises are owned by the LEA.
- (2) Staff at aided schools are employed by the governing body.
- (3) The cost of external repairs and maintenance at aided schools is met by the governing body: ^{this and} capital expenditure in respect of such schools attracts an 85% grant from the Secretary of State.
- (4) It is for consideration whether there should be some regulation of the power of a governing body to determine the type, character and size of a school or college.
- (5) There is a separate proposal to remove higher education responsibilities from LEAs; adult education, the youth service and the careers service might remain a local government responsibility.

S E C R E T

Distribution of costs and numbers between the LEA
and the schools/colleges

1. The latest firm figures for costs and numbers relates to 1984/5. Less than £1 billion of the £10.5 billion net current expenditure by LEAs in England in 1984/5 was spent by the LEA centrally; all the remaining expenditure was incurred by the schools and colleges ^{they} maintained. The central expenditure is mainly in respect of staff; the expenditure by the schools and colleges is largely on staff.

2. Below is a breakdown for 1984/5 of staff numbers and costs.

<u>At schools and colleges</u>	<u>Number</u> ,000s	<u>£m</u>
Teachers (schools, further and higher education)	503	5,947
Non-teaching staff at schools and colleges (except meals and catering staff)	183	1,114
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Total staff at institutions	686	7,061
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Central staff

School meals, catering and residential staff	77	300*
Other staff not employed at schools and colleges eg workers in the youth service, education welfare officers, educational psychologists, advisers		

S E C R E T

<u>Central staff</u>	<u>Number</u> ,000s	<u>£m</u>
and inspectors, and administrative and clerical support	40*	320*
Total staff employed centrally		
	117*	620*

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Estimated

