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NON-DEPARTMENTAL PUBLIC BODIES: FACTS AND FIGURES

Janet Young copied to me her minute to you of 14 January suggesting the amalgamation of three publications giving information about non-departmental public bodies and nationalised industries.

2. The Treasury are responsible for publication of the White Paper "Public Boards of a Commercial Character" which lists Chairmen and members together with their salaries and dates of appointment. Arrangements are currently in hand for publication of the next edition in late February/early March. I think it should go ahead whatever we decide about future editions.

3. Although amalgamation would result in some loss of information hitherto available in one publication, mainly names of appointees and dates of appointment to nationalised industry boards, the essential information will continue to be available in the annual reports of the relevant bodies. I would support Janet's proposal as a sensible rationalisation.

4. A copy of this minute goes to her.

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