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~~Robin~~ : Re ym minute of
— 20 June to Sir Robert.

Lindsay has asked
for clarification on
the Home Secretary
attending OD (EM) +
OD (RAF).

Should he attend, or
is it a case of

only when invited?
Lindsay told 29/6

Petes

✓ I do not think that the
arrangement agreed for the Home
Secretary in connection with OD is
necessary for either OD (EM) or OD (RAF).
Petes



Jo VC

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From the Principal Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

Ministerial Committee: Outstanding Points

The Prime Minister has seen your minute of 20 June (A083/1732), and she is content with the proposals in it about the composition of E(LF) and E(PSP).

Perhaps I can take this opportunity also to report that I have raised with the Prime Minister the request of the Secretary of State for Social Services that he should become a member of E(EA). Mrs Thatcher has taken the view that, since other Ministers with large spending programmes, such as the Secretary of State for Education and Science and the Secretary of State for Defence, are no longer on this Committee, she could not consistently add Mr. Fowler to it. I have conveyed this view to Mr. Fowler's Private Secretary.

FARB

22 June 1983



Prime Minister

Agree these proposals?

FERB

21.6.

Ref.A083/1732

PRIME MINISTER

Ministerial Committees: Outstanding Points

Action is now in hand to implement your decisions about Ministerial committees. I should however be grateful for confirmation of your views about the composition of E(LF) and E(PSP).

E(LF)

2. We are keeping E(LF) as a small sub-committee under your chairmanship to consider future policy relating to local government finance, while setting up a new sub-committee (E(LA)) under the Lord President's chairmanship with all the local authority Ministers to consider questions of local authority finance within existing policy. The previous members of E(LF) were:

Home Secretary

Secretary of State for Scotland

Chief Secretary, Treasury

Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Paymaster General

Secretary of State for the Environment

3. I assume that you would wish the new composition of E(LF) to be:

Lord President (because of his chairmanship of E(LA))

Secretary of State for Scotland

Secretary of State for the Environment

Secretary of State for Trade and Industry (partly because he was a member of E(LF) in his previous capacity and partly because of the commercial and industrial interest in rating issues)

Chief Secretary, Treasury

I have spoken to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster; he does not wish to be on the Sub-Committee, but would like to see the papers.

E(PSP)

4. We are expanding E(PSP)'s terms of reference to include pay in the public sector as a whole and this means that we have to add the main nationalised industry sponsoring Ministers as well as the Ministers mainly responsible for public service pay. We are therefore envisaging the following composition:

Chancellor of the Exchequer (Chairman)
 Home Secretary
 Secretary of State for Education and Science
 Secretary of State for Energy
 Secretary of State for the Environment
 Secretary of State for Social Services
 Secretary of State for Employment
 Secretary of State for Trade and Industry
 Secretary of State for Transport
 Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster
 Chief Secretary, Treasury
 Minister of State, Privy Council Office

The sub-committee previously included the Lord President of the Council and the Lord Privy Seal but neither of the present incumbent of those posts has a claim to membership on departmental grounds and it would be undesirable to make the sub-committee larger than it has to be.

5. I should be grateful for your confirmation that we should proceed on these lines.

Robert Armstrong

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

20 June 1983