

PRIME MINISTER

In addition to Mr Jenkin's concerns over Liverpool, you will want to return to the education question in the light of the Attorney General's advice. This is that there is a real risk of being successfully challenged in the courts if the Secretary of State seeks retention of four single sex schools. Sir Keith believes that this eliminates any middle options and leaves the choice as in his minute of 15 May, either

- (i) rejection
- (ii) modification to impose two single sex schools.

The papers are arranged as follows

- (A) Cabinet Office brief
- (B) Mr Jenkin's minute
- (C) Press Release following his meeting with  
Dr Cunningham
- (D) Commissioner Bill
- (E) Policy Unit note suggesting amendment of (D)
- (F)1 Sir Keith Joseph's minute of 15 May
- (F)2 Policy Unit note on Education in Liverpool.
- (G) Attorney General's advice
- (H) Verbatim Record of (C) - no need to read.

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