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PRIME MINISTER

MISC 66: MINISTERIAL GROUP ON CIVIL SERVICE PAY NEGOTIATIONS

Treasury and Cabinet Office are keen that you should chair a meeting of Misc 66 which has been fixed for Friday, 27 September, at 0930.

There are two items on the agenda:

- prospects for the 1985-86 pay round;
- longer term pay arrangements for the civil service.

The first of these items would look at the prospects generally, for both the private and the public sectors. (One or two Ministers who are not normally members of Misc 66 would be invited to attend.) The second item speaks for itself.

I recommend you to chair this meeting. Public service pay may well be particularly tricky in this pay round. Control of pay is central to the control of running costs, and to the success of the new system which is being worked out if possible to avoid the need for a pay factor. The meeting will be useful preparation for the public expenditure Cabinet on 3 October, and keeping consideration of civil service pay in the longer term on the right track is of course important for itself.

Content to chair the meeting?

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Yes not

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