

PRIME MINISTERITAP REPORT ON CABLE SYSTEMS

You asked that DTI should pursue their discussions with the Information Technology Advisory Panel, about the Panel's Report on Cable Systems, and that they should then come back to you with recommendat^oins as to how it should be handled.

The DTI report is at Flag A. A useful summary of the main recommendations of the ITAP Report drawn up by the Policy Unit is at Flag B.

The Panel is content with the Government's response, for the most part. They remain unhappy, however, with DTI's rejection of the recommendation that they should oblige BT to share their ducts and poles with cable operators.

The ITAP Report was designed to be a confidential Report to Ministers, and they are not pressing for its publication. DTI for their part believe that the Report and the Government's response are best not published in full, but that Mr. Pattie should write to Mr. Gale outlining where matters have got to. The Policy Unit are content with this approach (Flag C).

Content with the Government's response to the ITAP Report and that Mr. Pattie should now write in general terms along those lines, to Roger Gale, M.P.?

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