

PRIME MINISTER

CONSULTANCY INSPECTION AND REVIEW SERVICES

You asked that Mr Luce should bring forward from December to June the date he proposed for Departments to report on the results which had been achieved following the review of CIR services.

The Chief Secretary, Mr Luce and the Efficiency Unit believe that advancing the date of the report to you to June risks encouraging Departments to skimp the exercise. The Chief Secretary proposes instead that Departments should submit their individual reports by June, and that the final report to you should be by October. (The Treasury letter is attached).

The Treasury have also provided, as you asked, a note setting out the specific results which could be expected in a reasonable period, and against which the progress which Departments are making could be judged. A copy is attached.

Agree i) that the deadline for the report to you should be October? *Yes no*

ii) that the Chief Secretary should circulate the note on yardsticks to Departments making it clear that these are the criteria by which progress will be measured when they send in their further progress reports in the end of June?

*Yes no*

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7 February 1986

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*Dear Mark*

**CIRREPORT**

Thank you for your letter of 31 January, in which you asked for my advice on whether it would be possible to meet a June deadline for a further report to the Prime Minister.

The position is that departments have already been asked to send in their further reports by the end of June 1986, and we should stick to this in order to ensure that departments have adequate time to be able to make real progress. Thereafter, we think there is considerable advantage in allowing a period of about 3 months (bearing in mind the leave season) for the Joint Management Unit to discuss the reports with them and, if necessary, push them to improve their efforts. On the last round these discussions led to some useful improvements. It was this which led the Chief Secretary to offer the further report by October. The Minister of State, Privy Council Office and the Efficiency Unit both agree that this would be the most sensible timetable.

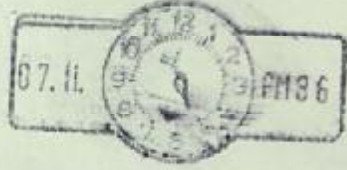
I am copying this letter to Paul Thomas (MPO) and Ian Beesley (Efficiency Unit).

*Yours ever*  
*Richard Broadbent*

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