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H COMMITTEE: TUESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY

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I attach a minute from the Lord President, reporting on the conclusions reached by the Committee. H agreed that the publicity should go ahead as proposed.

Contraceptive advice and treatment for young people

H agreed that the guidance, as drafted, should be issued as soon as possible. This would follow the line determined by the Court of Appeal, covering in particular the circumstances identified by Lord Fraser when contraceptive advice and treatment could be provided to those under 16 without parental consent. H believed that, for now, the issue of confidentiality between doctor and patient should be left entirely to the General Medical Council.

Private rented sector

H agreed that the Assured Tenancy Scheme, under which newly built property can be let at market rents outside the terms of the Rent Acts, should be extended to buildings which had been substantially improved, repaired or converted. L Committee will be considering including this in the Housing and Planning Bill currently before Parliament.

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