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PRESENTATION OF ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING POLICIES

I have seen a copy of your minute of 21 March ^{at New} to the Prime Minister about the preparation of various documents setting out policies within your areas of responsibility.

It is clearly important, as you say, for our policies for enterprise, employment and training to be presented in a consistent and coherent way. I therefore welcome your assurance that you will be working closely with colleagues in preparing the suggested memorandum and White Papers.

At this stage I do have reservations in particular about publishing a White Paper on vocational education and training in June. You say that you hope it will contain some important announcements about the development of TVEI. Our officials are looking at the implications of a nationwide extension of TVEI but I remain firmly of the view that any addition to expenditure on TVEI, even if offset by reductions in expenditure elsewhere within your programme, ought to be considered as part of the Public Expenditure Survey process. If we agreed to a White Paper in June setting out plans for a nationwide extension of TVEI we would be prejudging the outcome of the PES process.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Cabinet colleagues and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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