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FROM: CHIEF SECRETARY

DATE: 8 May 1986

PRIME MINISTER

DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY REPAYMENT SYSTEM

I have seen Sir Robert Armstrong's minute of 1 May about the further development of the PRS.

2 I strongly support the proposal in the Committee's report that PES responsibility for certain kinds of new works should be transferred to departments from 1 April 1987. The present arrangement, under which accommodation projects for one department compete with projects for other departments, is unsatisfactory. The proposed change will be a useful step in implementing the recommendation in Sir Robin Ibbs' report on capital expenditure projects that departments for whom work is being done should "own" the project. The shift in responsibility will need to be reflected in the Public Expenditure Survey. An early decision will, therefore, be needed if the changeover is to be effective from 1 April 1987.

3 I am copying this to members of the Cabinet and Sir Robert Armstrong.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Jm'.

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