

PRIME MINISTER

ANNUAL REVIEW OF GOVERNMENT FUNDED R & D 1985

You agreed that an unclassified version of the 1985 Annual Review should be published. I attach a draft reply to a Written PQ, which would be answered tomorrow, for your approval. ACARD's comments on the review indicated that they were "seriously worried" by the picture presented, and that Government funded R&D should have more of an emphasis on national wealth creation. The review noted that over half of Government expenditure on R&D went to MOD. MISC 119 is, of course, currently looking at the spending by departments on R&D.

An unclassified version of the 1984 review was published and received a warm welcome from industrialists, the press and others as well as from the House.

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MARK ADDISON

12 December 1985

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Ref. A085/3249

MR ADDISON

Annual Review of Government Funded R & D 1985

The Prime Minister gave her permission for the publication of the factual material assembled for the 1985 Annual Review of Government Funded R & D in response to my predecessor's minute to you of 6 August (Ref: A085/2091), and on the basis of my minute of 28 June (Ref: A085/1774). Publication might best be announced by means of an arranged PQ which would be put down for Written reply on Friday 13 December. I attach a draft. As you will see, it refers to publication on Monday 16 December when copies will be placed in the Library of the House of Commons. Sir Robin Nicholson will also be holding a small press briefing at midday on that day.

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M C STARK

12 December 1985

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From the Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service

Sir Robert Armstrong GCB CVO

Ref. A085/3234

13 December 1985

Dear Mark

Annual Review of Government Funded R & D 1985

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--- Cmd 8591, the Government's response to the 1981 House of Lords Select Committee on Science and Technology report "Science and Government", announced the introduction of a system of Annual Reviews of Government Research and Development. So far the factual material assembled for the first two such Reviews has been published, in January and December 1984 respectively. The material assembled for what is now the third Annual Review of Government Funded R & D is to be published on 16 December. I attach a copy.

As in previous years I am sending copies of this letter and the Review to Private Secretaries of other members of the Cabinet.

Yours ever

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REVIEW OF SUPPORT F

Dear David

2 October 1985

*DN gave this report to Policy Unit***REVIEW OF SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

You asked in your letter to Rachel Lomax of 26 September where this Review now stands.

The Review was submitted to Treasury and DTI Ministers in August, so that it could be taken into account in the autumn public expenditure discussions. I enclose a copy. As you will see, the report goes a good deal wider than subsidies for R & D. It also covers 'non-project' support for advisory services etc; and smaller programmes of grants for investment projects and tourism. Section VI reports the work in hand on the scope for the Government to share, on a cost-effective basis, in the return on successful projects.

I am copying this letter to Michael Gilbertson (Department of Trade and Industry), Colin Williams (Welsh Office), John Graham (Scottish Office) and Michael Stark (Cabinet Office).

*Yours ever
 Richard*

R J BROADBENT
 Private Secretary

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