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## INTERIM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

I am grateful to colleagues for their helpful suggestions about the membership of the Interim Advisory Committee following my letter to Peter Walker of 7 July. It is important that we now move quickly to announce the full membership before the recess.

As we have not reached agreement on the name of a deputy chairman, and we are not required to have one, I have concluded that it would be better not to name any member as deputy chairman. Lord Chilver will in any case have to be present at all the Committee's meetings.

I agree that we need a high quality profit-making private enterprise industrialist. Of the names put forward I favour Norman Fowler's suggestion, Geoff Armstrong of Metal Box.

I also agree with Nigel Lawson that Judith Chaplin would make a valuable contribution. ( Institute of thereby the foundation of the contribution)

Norman Fowler has suggested that Ken Graham might be more appropriate than Bill Kendall - who now might not be available.

I accept Norman's advice that we could expect Ken Graham to be tough but realistic.

Peter Walker has suggested a woman primary head teacher from Wales. She is Mrs White, retiring this term from a school in Cardiff. I am grateful for this suggestion.

I continue to believe that Ray Carter, now a Director of Marathon Oil, would make a level headed contribution to the

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CONFIDENTIAL Committee as one of its members. The fact that he was formerly a Labour MP will help the Committee's credibility. I note that Nigel Lawson would go along with this suggestion. The other two members I proposed in the list I circulated on 7 July have not provoked comment. They are Mrs A Hogg whom the Department of Employment regard very highly and Dr Peter Andrews who is a very sensible retired secondary head. for the Joshs and Durists Review Body My proposed full membership is therefore: Lord Chilver Mr G Armstrong -Mrs J Chaplin Mrs A Hogg Mr K Graham Mr R Carter Mrs White Dr P Andrews I would like to approach these people within the next couple of days. If colleagues have any remaining concerns I would be grateful if we could reach decisions at E(EP) tomorrow morning. I am sending copies of this minute to members of E(EP) and to Sir Robert Armstrong. K.B. 14 July 1987 Department of Education and Science CONFIDENTIAL

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