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OPTING OUT OF ILEA: CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

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Thank you for your letter of 13 October, requesting that when boroughs submit applications to opt out of ILEA, you should have an opportunity to assess the implications of their proposals for the organisation of the careers service.

I shall of course ensure that you have such an opportunity - indeed, I may wish to consult other colleagues about various aspects of particular applications. The timing will of course be tight: applications will be due by 28 February 1989, and I must aim to reach a decision on them within two months.

I am copying this letter to members of E(LF) and E(EP), to the Attorney General and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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