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I attach briefing from DES on computers in schools.  
The essential points are the following:-

- (i) over the six years till 31 March, 1986 the Government will be spending £40 million on computers in schools. About half each between the DES (the software) and the DOE (the hardware).
- (ii) the Micros in Schools Programme has now ensured that virtually all the secondary schools in the country (about 6,400) now have a micro computer. The similar scheme for primary schools under which DOI contribute 50% of the cost of either of two British-made micros is now well under way and the response is very encouraging.
- (iii) we have also launched a programme of training teachers in micros; about 11,000 will be trained this year and a similar number next year.

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