

Local Govt
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PRIME MINISTER

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The Education Secretary and the Industry Secretary have asked if they can be members of your Small Working Group on Rates. The whole idea behind the Small Group (whose membership is Home Secretary, Scottish Secretary, Environment Secretary, Chief Secretary, and Chancellor of the Duchy) was to avoid the situation in Misc 79 where all the interested Departments were represented, and where, consequently, it proved difficult to reach a conclusion which was something other than the lowest common factor.

Agree to keep E(LF) as it is?

Yes - at full -
- - no

MCS

TOW RTA office

MCS 15/2

if you let Education and Industry in the others who will want to come

might be: DHS-S

Transport

Lord President

14 February, 1983.