

PRIME MINISTER

SURPLUS LAND AND DWELLINGS

I attach the Chief Secretary's annual report (Flag A) on the Survey discussions last year with Departments about central government holdings of land and dwellings, and the disposal of those surplus to requirement.

The report demonstrates rather mixed progress by individual Government Departments. There remains a need for better systems and policy for managing land and dwellings under Departments' control and measures to encourage disposals where appropriate. Indeed this year's report by the Chief Secretary tells much the same tale as that of the preceding year (Flag B).

Do you want

- i) to urge departments to still stronger efforts to improve their property management function and
- ii) to endorse the Chief Secretary's proposal for short term initiatives to increase the disposal of surplus property?

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Yes

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