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PRIME MINISTER

REVIEW OF MAINTENANCE FOR LONE PARENTS

I understand that consideration is being given to looking in H Committee at the outcome of the work you set in train on lone parents.

In view of your close interest in this subject, would you prefer to chair an ad hoc meeting yourself to look at the results, as you have done in the past? This would probably help to keep up the momentum.

Yes please mb

Or would you prefer H to take the issue further, keeping you informed?

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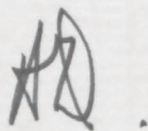
THE MAINTENANCE REVIEW

I was rung up by Bill Taylor, an Under-Secretary in the Department of Social Security, who is overseeing the review. He had been contacted by the Cabinet Office about fixing up a meeting in June of H Committee to consider the outcome of the review.

His main concern was whether, given the Prime Minister's personal interest in this subject, she would want matters disposed of in this way.

I said that such arrangements were more of a Private Office matter, but that the Prime Minister might wish to take the issue in a meeting of Ministers in the first instance.

I did agree, however, to raise the matter with you. You might wish to touch base with the Cabinet Office. I understand the people dealing with it in the Cabinet Office are Rosalind McCool and Joan Bailey.



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