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EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND ARTS COMMITTEE: GOVERNMENT REPLY TO THE SECOND REPORT

The Education, Science and Arts Committee published their report on the secondary school curriculum and examinations on 16 February (HC116-1). The report ranges widely over policy in this field and this is reflected in its 65 recommendations.

Colleagues on H Committee have agreed that the Government reply should be in two stages as a number of the recommendations cover matters of some complexity to which it is not possible to respond straightaway. On others, however, it is possible to reply now and H Committee have agreed the terms of an initial response which is to be published tomorrow at 3.30pm.

I am enclosing a copy of the confidential final revised version of the response and am arranging for advance copies to be made available to the Select Committee in the usual way.

Copies of this minute and its enclosure go to Cabinet colleagues and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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May 10 1982

Education Dept

12 May 1982

The Prime Minister was grateful for your Secretary of State's minute of 10 May, giving her advance notice of the Government's reply to the Second Report from the Education, Science and Arts Committee.

M. A. PATTISON

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