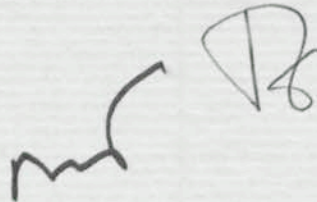


EDUCATION. 2

PRIME MINISTER

H Committee: Reform of the Schools  
Council

The attached H paper by Sir Keith Joseph records the current state of the reorganisation of the Schools Council. You will recall that it was agreed that the Council should be replaced by an Examinations Council and a school curriculum development body. The way is now clear for the establishment of the first but local authorities are proposing that the latter should simply be constituted as a successor of the Schools Council largely because it would avoid the payment of redundancy pay to the staff of the Schools Council. Sir Keith's paper argues that we should stick to our existing policy of scrapping the Schools Council and establishing an entirely new body.

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28 January 1983