



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

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Public Expenditure Survey 1984: Small Ministerial Group

The Prime Minister has seen your minute of 28 September reference A084/2599. She wishes the composition of the Group to be

Lord President of the Council (Chairman)
Home Secretary
Secretary of State for Scotland
Lord Privy Seal
Secretary of State for Trade and Industry
Chief Secretary, Treasury

She would like the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to be a member but this would be conditional upon agreement being reached between him and the Chief Secretary on the outstanding differences on his Departmental programme. A meeting has been arranged between him, the Prime Minister, the Chancellor and the Chief Secretary for Wednesday afternoon in an effort to achieve this.

She is content for you to approach members of the Group informally before Thursday in order that an early start can be made on scheduling the work of the Group. This can include the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry who is aware that his membership of the Group is conditional upon resolution of the outstanding differences.

Andrew Turnbull

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