

PRIME MINISTER

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I think I am
awaiting comments on this from
other departments
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PRIVATISATION OF THE TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

In the White Paper on broadcasting, we made a pledge to privatise the transmission system: both the existing system and the options for privatisation are complex subjects.

Douglas Hurd suggests asking consultants to write a report advising the government on options for privatisation.

In view of the complexity of the subject and the need for outside advice, the idea to employing consultants is a sound one. The terms of reference seem fine.

Recommendation

Agree to the Home Secretary's proposal to commission consultants to prepare a paper on options for privatisation.

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