

PRIME MINISTERIBA: EXPERIMENT AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

One loose end left over from the recent Broadcasting discussions is the future organisation of the IBA Experiment and Development Department. I had hoped not to trouble you with this, but some degree of deadlock has been reached in exchanges between Departments.

Brian Griffiths' note at Flag A below summarises the issues and the counter arguments. He recommends that you should support an approach along the latest lines advocated by Lord Young.

If you wanted to flick quickly through the earlier exchanges, these are:

✓ Flag B - Lord Young's original proposals, favouring early privatisation;

✓ Flag C - Douglas Hurd's objections to moving quickly to privatisation;

Flag D - Treasury support for privatisation but without an early public announcement to that effect;

Flag E - note from John Fairclough supporting the more cautious Home Secretary's approach;

✓ Flag F - the revised DTI approach supported by Brian.

The one element in the detailed papers you should look at is the draft announcement attached to Lord Young's latest note at Flag F.

Content to support the Lord Young/Brian Griffiths approach?

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