



Prime Minister:

You asked for the work of this Board to be reviewed after a year. Mr Jenkin wishes to retain it. Do you agree?

THE PRIME MINISTER

PSA ADVISORY BOARD

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Yes not

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On 14 June 1982 you agreed to the Advisory Board continuing its work with a review on the Board's existence to be carried out twelve months hence.

During the past twelve months the Board has continued to provide a significant input to the work of the PSA and my predecessor acknowledged this in the foreword to the PSA Annual Report which he sent to you recently.

More specifically, the Advisory Board has completed reports on:

- i) Relationships with the Ministry of Defence;
- ii) Project management;
- iii) PSA's standard form of works contract;

and they are currently studying:

- (1) the methods PSA uses to measure its performance, including comparisons with the private sector;
- (2) the PSA's "image" with clients, consultants and contractors - a study in which I am particularly interested;



- (3) the PSA's arrangements for the supervision on site of major new works projects;
- (4) financial conventions, including the constraints of "annuality" of expenditure.

As you know, Tom King recently agreed to carry to the next stage the proposals for restructuring that the Chief Executive has made and the advice of the Advisory Board has been helpful in developing these ideas.

I should emphasise again that the Board members receive no fee. Their total costs in the last twelve months have been only some £3,000, and many of the members are giving very considerable time to this activity, particularly Nigel Mobbs the Chairman who is probably devoting more than one day a week.

I should be grateful for your agreement for the Board to continue its work.

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5 July 1983



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

8 July 1983

The Prime Minister has seen your Secretary of State's minute of 5 July about the PSA Advisory Board and has agreed that as proposed by Mr. Jenkin the Board should continue its work.

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