



Prime Minister

You have already agreed that the first annual review of research and development should be published.

Agree attached draft answer?

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MR BARCLAY

Annual Review of Research and Development

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Your minute of 14 November recorded the Prime Minister's agreement to the publication of the report of the annual review of research and development.

2. The report will be available for publication on Friday 20 January and copies will be circulated to members of the Cabinet in advance. It would also be appropriate for copies to be placed in the House of Commons library and publication announced by an arranged Parliamentary Question. I attach a draft Question and Answer for this purpose.

3. With the current interest in the availability of Government information in mind, the draft Answer draws attention to the fact that the Government has made a decision to publish the material, even though the relevant White Paper made no commitment to do so.

R P HATFIELD

17 January 1984

Friday 20 January 1984

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(Answered by the Prime Minister on Friday 20 January 1984)

UNSTARRED *Mr Neil Hamilton:*
NO. 158

To ask the Prime Minister, whether the first of the annual reviews of research and development announced in Cmnd 8591 has yet been completed, and if it will be published.

The first review has been completed. It has concentrated on the assembly of consistent information on Government R & D expenditures, thus laying a foundation for more detailed analyses in future reviews. Cmnd 8591 contained no commitment to publish the annual reviews but the Government has decided that it would be helpful to do so. The 1983 Review is therefore being published today and copies have been placed in the Library of the House.