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HOUSING: Private Rented Sector  
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H Committee will be considering three papers at their meeting next week.

Private Rented Sector

The first is Mr. Jenkin's paper, which you have already seen, on the private rented sector. He is seeking approval to the de-regulation of rent for all new lettings. The Cabinet agreed that legislation on this subject might be introduced in 1985/86, if policy approval is obtained.

Crombie Code

The Government is committed to ending use of the Crombie Code of compensation for employees in the public sector. Legislation is required to make this change effective, but there is a dispute between the Department of the Environment and the Treasury over who should promote it.

Commercial Activities in Further Education Establishments

The Education Secretary has circulated proposals for extending the powers of local authority-maintained further education establishments to act commercially. They are at present inhibited from undertaking work for industry and from fully <sup>exploiting</sup> employing their research ideas. The change proposed by Sir Keith Joseph is attractive, but there may be criticism from those who fear an extension of entrepreneurial competition from the public sector.

I will report the Committee's conclusions to you next week.

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