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PRIME MINISTER

REPORT OF THE REVIEW BODY FOR NURSING STAFF, MIDWIVES, HEALTH VISITORS AND PROFESSIONS ALLIED TO MEDICINE

Sir John Greenborough has sent copies of his two reports. The recommendations are troublesome in each case. Chapter 5 of the two reports provides a summary. The Body is recommending increases from 1 April 1984 in the range 6-8%, adding around 7½% to the pay bill. The argumentation of the reports is desperately thin. These figures are recommended although it is openly acknowledged that there are no problems in recruitment, retention or morale.

I think it unlikely that you or colleagues will want to take a view on these reports until the other three Review Bodies have arrived. This is expected to be in the week beginning 16 April.

Mr. Gregson has a copy of these reports - the rest are locked up in my care. I suggest a copy of each report is sent to the Secretary of State for Social Services and the Chancellor, with strict instructions that they should be shown only to their Permanent Secretaries. We should indicate that you will wish to see the other Review Bodies' reports before considering these.

Agree?

Yes no  
AT

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*Dear Prime Minister,*

REVIEW BODY FOR NURSING STAFF, MIDWIVES, HEALTH  
VISITORS AND PROFESSIONS ALLIED TO MEDICINE

I enclose the Review Body's first Reports on Nursing Staff, Midwives and Health Visitors and on the Professions Allied to Medicine. The Reports contain our recommendations on the levels of pay that we consider appropriate for these staff with effect from 1 April 1984.

*Sincerely,*

*John Greenborough*

SIR JOHN GREENBOROUGH  
CHAIRMAN

NURSES PAY REVIEW BODY

Background that the Conservative candidate for Chesterfield had a public meeting with nurses on Thursday night. He gave the impression that the Government would accept the recommendations of the Nurses Review Body. Mr Fowler was questioned about this at the Friday morning press conference in Chesterfield. He said that the Government had set up a review body for nurses to recognise the fact that they did not take industrial action. However, he reiterated the point that the Government was not automatically bound to the Review Body's proposals any more than it was with any other Review Body. The position with the Nurses Review Body is that they have not yet made a report.

NB

NORMAN FOWLER'S OFFICE INSIST THAT THIS BE USED INSTEAD OF THE BRIEFING SENT OVER EARLIER

21 February 1984