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*From the Private Secretary*

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MARRIAGE GUIDANCE WORK

The Prime Minister has considered your minute of 29 November 1984 (A084/3182) about Ministerial responsibility for marriage guidance work, together with the comments received from the Home Secretary (minute of 19 December), the Chief Secretary to the Treasury (minute of 8 January) and the Minister for Health (minute of 21 January).

On balance, the Prime Minister prefers not to disturb the present arrangements.

I am sending copies of this minute to Mr. Taylor (Home Office), Mr. Broadbent (Chief Secretary's Office, HM Treasury) and Mr. Alcock (Mr. Clarke's Office, DHSS).

DAVID BARCLAY

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