

Prime Minister.

The Environment Secretary's proposal is at Page A.
Sir John Boreham's note, together with the Chief
Secretary's, both opposing the proposal, are at Page B, & C.
Accept the Policy Unit advice not to agree to the survey?

MEM 29/3

MR ADDISON

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no not

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LARGE SCALE HOUSEHOLD SURVEY

Patrick Jenkin proposes to spend £15 million on a new survey, in order to make distribution of rate support grant more accurate. This is astonishing, given that radical reform of the grant system is now on the cards. If the Prime Minister agrees to DoE's reform proposals on Sunday, there will be no need in future for such expensive surveys.

We recommend that no survey should be conducted.

Perhaps Patrick & I can have
a word not

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