

MANAGEMENT IN CONFIDENCE



FROM: CHIEF SECRETARY

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PRIME MINISTER

CROWN PROSECUTION SERVICE

As Patrick Mayhew says, the terms for the establishment of the Crown Prosecution Service set out in his minute to you of 4 November are agreed with the Treasury. I am glad that he is not pressing the union argument for "pay protection for life". It would mean guaranteeing not just a given rate of pay but local authority scales (where they exceed our own rate for the job) plus local authority increases. In the circumstances our 10 year protection, followed by mark-time, is generous, and a concession would have very serious repercussions making all sorts of desirable reorganisations and restructurings that much more expensive.

2 I hope that the other improvements we have been able to make will now enable Patrick to get this service off to a good start.

3 I am copying this minute to the Solicitor General.

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