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From the Private Secretary

MR. STARK,
CABINET OFFICE.

The Prime Minister recently met Sir Robin Ibbs to discuss the scrutiny programme and other efficiency issues.

During the meeting, the Prime Minister asked about the progress which had been made on the review of the future role, aims and objectives of the Property Services Agency. This review was set in hand following a meeting to discuss the PSA held on 29 March 1984, at which Sir Robert Armstrong was present (David Barclay's letter of 2 April contains a record of the meeting). I should be grateful if you would let me know where matters now stand so that we may report to the Prime Minister.

I am copying this minute to Mr. Young (Department of the Environment) and to Sir Robin Ibbs.

MARK ADDISON

13 November 1985



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From the Principal Private Secretary

MR. STARK
Cabinet Office

POLICY WORK IN THE FMI

The Prime Minister recalls that she asked, as was recorded in Mark Addison's letter of 28 May to Richard Broadbent in the Chief Secretary's Office, that instructions should be given to Departments that all proposals with value for money implications, save any exceptional circumstances, should include a statement of what is to be achieved, how it is to be measured, by when, and at what cost.

The Prime Minister would be grateful for a report on the progress in implementing these arrangements and an assessment on the extent to which Departments have complied with this request.

I am copying this minute to Mr. Broadbent (Chief Secretary's Office).

12 November 1985

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