



Prime Minister ↑
Do you want to chair NEDC
or let tradition lapse?

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Not as soon as
February - it
was done a
difficult time.
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Dear Andrew,

NEDC

At their meeting on 6 October the Prime Minister and the Chancellor talked about NEDC. The Chancellor has since asked me to find out, via you, whether the Prime Minister would be interested in chairing the NEDC meeting at 10.00 am on Wednesday 1 February, when her diary is, I understand, free at present.

The Prime Minister will recall chairing such meetings on three previous occasions - in January 1980, February 1981 and February 1982. She was unable to chair this year's February meeting, but planned to chair one this summer. No date was however fixed, and the Election intervened. The Chancellor's view is that, while it is certainly not essential to fix a date now, it would be a pity if the tradition were to lapse altogether. Choosing a date early in the calendar year has worked well in the past, and the February meeting is probably best, given that the January one comes very shortly after the Christmas break, and the March one will be rather close to the Budget.

Could you let me know the Prime Minister's views?

Yours ever,
John Kerr

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From the Private Secretary

22 November 1983

NEDO

We had provisionally arranged for the Prime Minister to Chair NEDO on the morning of 2 May, 1984. I am afraid that this date now proves not to be possible because of a clash with the next Anglo/German Summit (which has not yet been announced). Could you please arrange for us to have the dates of NEDO meetings in the latter half of 1984 as soon as they are available so that the Prime Minister can consider alternatives?

MR. D. BARCLAY

Miss Judith Simpson,
HM Treasury.

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Prime Minister ^①

I consulted you about
changing NEDC. You
were content in principle
but not happy with
February date suggested.
An alternative would be
Wednesday 2 May,
which is free in the
diary.

Agree?

Yes

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From the Private Secretary

17 October, 1983

NEDC

In your letter of 6 October you asked whether the Prime Minister would be interested in chairing the February meeting of NEDC. In principle, she is prepared to chair an NEDC meeting but thinks that February tends to be a difficult time in the Government calendar. She would be grateful, therefore, if you could consider other possible dates.

ANDREW TURNBULL

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