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NB PM -

Dear Norman.

ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME

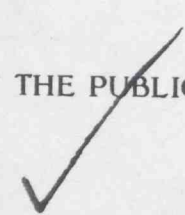
When I wrote to you on 14 May about the action I proposed to take following my meeting with Sir Robert Clayton and representatives of the IT Skills Agency, I promised to clear the terms of an announcement about the public sector with you and other colleagues, assuming general agreement with the action I then proposed.

Now that colleagues have concurred with my proposals, I would like to move ahead with the low key announcement I envisaged in my letter. A draft Parliamentary Question and Answer is attached for this purpose. To expedite progress in considering bids from the public sector. I believe this should issue immediately after the Whitsun recess. Accordingly I would ask if any comments on the answer could reach me not later than 4 p.m. on Thursday 30 May.

Copies of this letter go to the Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretaries of State for Defence, Employment, Scotland and Wales, the Minister without Portfolio, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Sir Robert Armstrong and Sir Robin Nicholson.

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Kew -

ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME: INCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR



Question

To ask the Secretary of State for Education and Science whether he plans to include any public sector institutions of higher education in the Engineering and Technology Programme announced on March 19.

Answer.

In the light of further advice from representatives of industry, my Rt Hon Friend the Secretary of State for Wales and I have invited the National Advisory Body for Public Sector Higher Education, in association with the Wales Advisory Body, to offer advice on institutions of particular strength in this area to which resources under the second phase of this Programme might be allocated. As in the first phase of the Programme, industrial commitment to institutions will be an important criterion for inclusion in the programme.

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