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PRIME MINISTER

EFFICIENCY STRATEGY 1982 - THE SCRUTINY PROGRAMME

Your Principal Private Secretary has invited proposals for the 1982 programme of departmental scrutinies.

2 I have already welcomed the inclusion of the Department of Education and Science in the coordinated review of running costs and have told Janet Young (my letter of 4 December) that I think this should be the Department's main contribution for 1982. Last year, DES undertook two separate scrutinies (HM Inspectorate and the Departmental Museums) and took part in the scrutiny of Government Statistical Services. This is a heavier load than was envisaged for DES and OAL together when the programme started. The Museums scrutiny will run well into 1982 and follow-up action on others must continue. I do not think it would be desirable to start another scrutiny just yet in this relatively small department.

3 If you agree, I will however keep a look out over the next few months in case a suitable scrutiny area can be identified and, subject to progress with other efficiency work, be added to the programme.

4 I am copying this minute to Janet Young and Derek Rayner.

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