



*Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster*

PRIME MINISTER

EFFICIENCY STRATEGY 1982 - THE SCRUTINY PROGRAMME

Your Principal Private Secretary's letter of 15 December invited departmental Ministers to send you their proposals for the 1982 scrutiny programme.

The MPO will be taking part in the Service-wide review of running costs. In our case, I want the scope of the review widened to include the department's management information system.

I have looked carefully at the scope for a separate scrutiny but there is none that I would wish to propose for the present. The whole work of the Office is being looked at pretty sharply in the course of preparing our first action document for 1982-83. It may be that subjects which can usefully be scrutinised will emerge later, but it is too early so far to say. Of course the MPO of all departments should set a good example - but I think the work we already have in hand is earnest of that.

I am sending a copy of this minute to Sir Derek Rayner.

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