

PRIME MINISTER

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Sci + Tech: Science Budget
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Sir Keith Joseph is coming to see you tomorrow for an informal talk outside the context of PES and the Star Chamber, on various issues on science and education.

There are no papers. He might raise:

i) Science Budget - For figures see attached table.

Financial pressure is causing him to think seriously about UK participation in CERN. This suffers from lack of financial control characteristic of many international projects. It has high status in the scientific community but is a very long way from producing direct benefits for industry. Sir Keith may propose a review of some sort.

ii) Teachers' Superannuation

You recently disagreed with his proposals, arguing that teachers should bear some proportion of the required increase in contributions. Attached is the exchange of correspondence.

iii) Standards

You could discuss with him the reaction to his recent initiative. He may raise the difficulty of seeing it through with the staff he currently has available in his Department.

iv) Standards in teaching

You could ask him for progress on his proposals to raise standards without conceding an increase in the wage bill for teachers.

v) Tenure

Sir Keith owes you a paper on this which should be available shortly.

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