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Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs: Prevention Report

1. Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 12 June to Norman Fowler. I should like FCO officials to join the inter-departmental group on drugs on any occasion when it proposes to consider measures of international co-operation, such as the work of the UN drug bodies, UK aid or co-operation with other governments on drug questions.
  
2. I have no comments on either the draft Parliamentary announcement or the terms of reference enclosed with your letter.
  
3. I am sending copies of this minute to the recipients of yours.

GEOFFREY HOWE

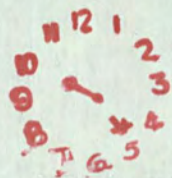
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29 June 1984

*Dear Leon,*

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE MISUSE OF DRUGS: PREVENTION REPORT

I have seen a copy of your letter dated 12 June addressed to Norman Fowler proposing to set up an inter Departmental group under David Mellor for co-ordinating and developing policies for combatting drug abuse, and I am writing to express our support for this development. HM Customs and Excise will be represented either by their Deputy Chairman, Lewis Hawken or their Customs Director, Norman Godfrey and I shall attend exceptionally if the need arises.

Given the level of understanding, goodwill and co-operation that already exists and upon which the group will be able to build I would not expect to see any move to cut across existing Departmental responsibilities but nevertheless I endorse your clearly expressed view that public and Parliamentary accountability must be safeguarded.

One point which should perhaps be mentioned is that your announcement will probably be seized upon by Customs trade unions and their supporters as a justification for their demands for large increases in staff to combat drug smuggling.

I am copying my letter to the recipients of yours.

BARNEY HAYHOE



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28 June 1984

Dear Sir,

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE MISUSE OF DRUGS: PREVENTION REPORT

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter and enclosures of 12 June to Normal Fowler about the arrangements for the publication of the report on prevention of drug abuse.

I am entirely content with the announcement you propose to make about this, and in particular with your proposal to set up an inter-departmental group of Ministers and officials under David Mellor's chairmanship.

Because of the increasing incidence of drug misuse in Scotland, and the range of services for which I am responsible in Scotland, I am particularly keen that the Scottish Office should participate in this group at Ministerial level, and I should like to nominate John MacKay as our representative. I propose that he should be accompanied by a senior Scottish Office official who would be designated when we see what topics are to be discussed.

I am sending copies of this letter to the recipients of yours.

Yours sincerely,

George



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The Rt Hon Nicholas Edwards MP *From The Secretary of State for Wales*

27 June 1984

*Dear Sir*

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE MISUSE OF DRUGS: PREVENTION REPORT

Thank you for copying to me your letter of 12 June to Norman Fowler.

I am content with the action you propose upon the publication of the report. In particular I welcome the establishment of the Interdepartmental Group of Ministers and Officials under David Mellor's chairmanship. I agree that a senior Welsh Office official should be this Department's normal representative, but I would like to keep open attendance by either me or (more probably) Wyn Roberts if matters of particular importance or relevance for Wales crop up.

We are already undertaking a major exercise, co-ordinated locally by the health authorities, to establish the extent and nature of the drug misuse problem across the Principality and to co-ordinate efforts to tackle it. I expect this to come to a head in the Autumn and this should enable us to make a useful contribution to the work of the Group.

I am content with the terms of your proposed PQ and Answer and the terms of reference for the Working Group.

I am copying this letter to those who received yours.

*John  
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The Rt Hon Leon Brittan QC MP  
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