



Prime Minister

Ref. A084/3236

MR BUTLER

The Chancellor would
be happy to see the Top Salaries
Report coming in late - his comments
are attached.

Agree Sir Robert Armstrong's line?

Top Salaries Review Body

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Lord Plowden has now written to acknowledge receipt of the reference to the Top Salaries Review Body on job-weighted differentials for Permanent Secretaries. He has confirmed that the TSRB will examine the issues raised as part of their current review.

2. Lord Plowden has also given advance notice that, with this remit in addition to the other matters under review, it will not be feasible for the TSRB to complete this report by 1 April 1985. It expects to be in a position to submit this report by the end of May 1985, but it is conceivable that it might even have to go somewhat beyond that date. Lord Plowden has asked for confirmation that this timetable will be acceptable to the Prime Minister.

3. In each of the last two years it has been if anything something of an embarrassment that the report of the TSRB was available at or around 1 April, when other pay claims (including the Civil Service pay claim) were at a particularly sensitive point. It therefore seems to me that the Government need not object if the TSRB report next spring is delayed to the end of May or sometime in June. It could even be that the delay might not be inconvenient.

4. If the Prime Minister agrees, therefore, I will confirm to Lord Plowden that the timetable which the TSRB now has in mind will be acceptable.

5. I am sending copies of this minute to the Private Secretaries to the Lord Chancellor, Chancellor of the Exchequer and Secretary of State for Defence.

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Approved by
ROBERT ARMSTRONG
and signed in his absence

4 December 1984

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From the Principal Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

TOP SALARIES REVIEW BODY

The Prime Minister has seen your minute of 4 December (A084/3236), together with the Chancellor of the Exchequer's comments recorded in Mr Peretz's letter of 10 December.

The Prime Minister is content that you should confirm to Lord Plowden that the timetable which the TSRB have in mind for the submission of their 1985 Report is acceptable.

I am copying this minute to Richard Stoate (Lord Chancellor's Office), David Peretz (H M Treasury) and Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence).

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12 December 1984

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10 December 1984

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Dear Robin

TOP SALARIES REVIEW BODY

The Chancellor has seen Sir Robert Armstrong's minute to you of 4 December.

He agrees with Sir Robert Armstrong's recommendation. He notes that there might be a small awkwardness if decisions had to be taken and announced on AFPRB recommendations in respect of Brigadiers and equivalent grades before we knew the TSRB recommendations for Major Generals and equivalent grades. But he certainly does not think it outweighs the advantages of the TSRB coming in late.

I am sending copies of this letter to Richard Stoate (Lord Chancellor's Office), Richard Mottram (MOD) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

*Yours ever
David*

D L C PERETZ
Principal Private Secretary

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19th December, 1984

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Dear Robin,

Top Salaries Review Body

The Lord Chancellor is content to acquiesce in the short delay in the TSRB report referred to in Sir Robert Armstrong's minute of 4th December 1984.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary of State for Defence and Sir Robert Armstrong.

*Yours sincerely,
Richard*

Richard Stoate

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