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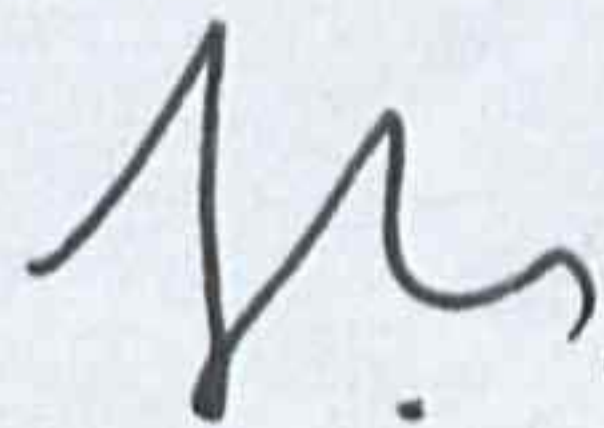
YOUTH SERVICE REVIEW

I have seen a copy of Mark Carlisle's minute to you of 11 December, proposing to announce a review of the youth service.

I recognise that this comes from a Parliamentary commitment, and would not want to object to the announcement or the terms of reference of the group. As I understand it, the youth service is organised by local authorities, under the Education Act, and this should not cut across the broader study of youth unemployment which you have agreed that the CPRS should undertake.

I hope we can also take it that the "available resources" in the terms of reference are understood to mean resources which local authorities are prepared to devote within present plans, so that the result will not be pressure on the local authorities to exceed the public expenditure provision in this area.

I am sending copies of this to the Secretaries of State for Employment, Social Services, Home Affairs, Education and Science, Scotland, Wales and Sir Robert Armstrong.

  
(G.H.)

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