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MEETING OF E(EP): 28 JULY

You may like to have a first look at the papers over the weekend.

The thickness of the file is daunting, but you only need to look at the first two papers below.

E(EP)(88)15 is the joint paper by Kenneth Baker and Peter Walker on the working group reports on maths and science. Brian Griffiths has had a quick look at this and thinks the proposed approach is on the right lines. But he will be looking more carefully and will let you have another note before the meeting. (The two thick papers in the folder, papers 16 and 17, are the working group's reports themselves, which I do not suggest you bother with.)

E(EP)(88)18 is the paper for the second item - coverage of the next Scottish Education Bill. Malcolm Rifkind is now, following your pressure at the last meeting, quite forthcoming on opting out and assessment. But he continues to resist the possibility of imposing teachers pay settlements. Again we will provide further comments and briefing before the meeting.

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Duty Clerk

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