

cc : NAT HEALTH : Warrick.
CIVIL SERVICE Long Term

Note: Spoke to Chris Beasley
re X. The Lord President
will report to Cabinet by
minute, for consideration
on 24 Jan.

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PRIME MINISTER

H COMMITTEE LAST WEEK

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Surrogacy

The Committee considered Norman Fowler's recommendation for legislation this session to outlaw commercial surrogacy. On the whole, they thought his reaction rather hasty, with the moral arguments less than clear-cut, and the boundary between commercial and non-commercial surrogacy difficult to draw. The Lord President will report the issues to Cabinet, with a recommendation against legislation this session.

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No no

Shops Act

See H (85) 1st Mtg 16.1.85

H endorsed the Home Secretary's proposals for repeal of Sunday trading restrictions. They invited him to consult Mr. King about the relationship with his review of Wages Councils.

Ethnic Monitoring in the Civil Service

The Committee supported Lord Gowrie's proposals for service-wide ethnic monitoring. They did consider your idea of sampling, but were advised that the number of people from ethnic minorities was so small that samples were statistically unreliable.

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18 January, 1985.

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