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25. 7.83 Letter from A. Mason to I. Wrigglesworth, dated 15th July 1983, announcing the first meeting of the group and enclosing the Chancellor's speech in the Commons on 29th June 1983 on the economy and unemployment (attached)
- List of items for consideration at the meeting
- List of members of group
- Minutes
- 18.10.83 Agenda
- Liberal Assembly resolution on "Unemployment and the future"
- Minutes
- 1.11.83 Agenda
- Minutes
- Commons speeches by D. Penhaligon and I. Wrigglesworth on British Telecom
- 15.11.83 Minutes
- "An overview of the U.K. economy" by A. Mason (dated 2.11.83)
- 29.11.83 Agenda
- Minutes
- "Economic review : Key conclusions"
- Paper on the Office of Fair Trading (dated June 1983)
- Annual report of the Director General of Fair Trading for 1982 : Digest for Members of Parliament
- 13.12.83 Agenda [N.B. No minutes etc., as meeting abandoned]

17. 1.84 Agenda
 Minutes
31. 1.84 Minutes
9. 2.84 Agenda
 Minutes
14. 2.84 Agenda
4. 7.84 Agenda
 Minutes
17. 7.84 Agenda
23. 1.85 Letter from T. Humphris to all members of the group (dated
 15.1.85) announcing meeting and enclosing a copy of the SDP
 policy paper "Unemployment can be reduced", prepared by
 D. Taverne for the meeting of the Council for Social Democracy
- Minutes
- "1985 budget priorities" paper
- Membership of the five Liberal/SDP Parliamentary groups
30. 1.85 Note from T. Humphris (dated 28.1.85) announcing meeting
- Manuscript paper entitled "Family Income Supplement" (undated
 and unattributed)
- "1985 budget priorities" paper (revised)
- Feb./March Alliance budget papers:
 1985
- "The budget - Alliance budget priorities for 1985 : expansion
 with discipline. Summary"
- "Economic strategy and budget priorities for 1985"
- "SDP/Liberal Alliance budgeting simulations on the London
 Business School model" (together with an explanatory technical
 note)
- "Briefing notes on the Alliance budget"
- Leader from the Financial Times of 4th March 1985 entitled
 "The Alliance alternative"

20. 6.85 Note from T. Humphris (dated 6.6.85) announcing the group's forthcoming meeting with Sir Terence Beckett and representatives of the CBI, and introducing items placed on the agenda by R. Wainwright

Letter from S. Barraclough to T. Humphris (dated 17.6.85) and attached draft agenda produced by the CBI

Agenda

CBI news release entitled "Pay settlements broadly stable this year, says CBI" (dated 14.6.85)

CBI consultation document "Change to succeed" (dated March 1985)

CBI parliamentary brief entitled "The future of wages councils" (dated 4.6.85) together with draft CBI response to the government consultative paper on the future of wages councils : March 1985

CBI document entitled "Development of the Youth Training Scheme (YTS) (marked confidential)

T. Humphris's manuscript notes of the group's meeting with the CBI delegation

Correspondence

14.11.83 Letter from T. Chandos to I. Wigglesworth and attached note re. the Restrictive Practices (Stock Exchange) Bill

5. 3.84 Letter from S. Barraclough to R. Wainwright re. CBI budget meeting with the group

12. 3.84 Memorandum from R. Wainwright to all Liberal members of parliament re. estimated effects of proposed budget proposals

3.12.84 Note from R. Wainwright to I. Wigglesworth (et al.) and attached summarised paper entitled "Financing Alliance selective reflation"

4. 2.85 Letter from W. Buckley to I. Wigglesworth and attached paper on two tier interest rates (dated 31.1.85) entitled "1985 budget priorities : schemes to counter the effect of high interest rates on industrial investment"

Draft "Budget priorities" paper (also attached)

29. 7.85 Letter from R. Wainwright to I. Wigglesworth suggesting that notices of group meetings should only go to four Peers to avoid large attendance
- Letter from Lord Diamond to I. Wigglesworth (12.8.85) (attached) opposing this, and stating that a greater problem is finding people to attend meetings
- 24.12.86 Letter from J. Davis to S. Williams and attached paper entitled "Choices", both advocating selective domestic market control
19. 1.87 Reply from S. Williams to J. Davis disagreeing with his proposals
28. 1.87 Note from P. Knowlson to I. Wigglesworth and attached paper by B. Bradshaw entitled "A strategy for industrial recovery"
- Handwritten comments by T. Humphris on above paper (attached)

Various unplaced documents

Including :

- 2.12.83 R. Wainwright's contributions to the debate on the Government's autumn economic statement on 24th November 1983
- "Facts for Candidates" paper on the economy prepared by R. Wainwright
- 13.12.83 Paper by J. Owen entitled "Franchising and the nationalised industries : key conclusions"
- [n.d.] Two lists of Competition Group members
- [n.d.] "Alliance industrial policy", 13 point plan
- [n.d.] "Chancellor's statement : briefing"