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FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

*Announcement*

*We can ask the  
Training and Employment  
to associate DES  
with the proposed  
study of unemployment  
and job creation for  
young people.*

*Agree?*

*Yes*

Mr T Lankester  
Private Secretary  
10 Downing Street  
LONDON SW1

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*Dear Tim,*

UNEMPLOYMENT AND JOB CREATION

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My Secretary of State has seen your letter of 5 November to John Wiggins and has asked me to write to emphasise the part that the education system can play in this area.

In the first place, he thinks that attention could be given to the possibilities of improved support for traditional forms of training and education which suffer during recessions and lead to manpower shortages when the economy picks up. The problem of firms cutting back on apprentice training is well known; we are also receiving representations about the impact of the recession on industrial placements in sandwich courses at graduate and higher technician levels.

Secondly, staying on in, or returning to, education is an important option for some young people. Many colleges of further education have places on vocationally relevant courses, while the part that the schools can play should not be ignored. An official Cabinet Office working group (MISC 45) is considering the impact of the different forms of financial assistance available to young people in and out of employment and we understand that its report will be before Ministers by the end of the month.

My Secretary of State hopes that the education departments can be brought into the imaginative examination of possibilities requested by the Prime Minister.

I am sending copies of this letter to the recipients of yours.

*Yours sincerely*

*Peter Shaw*

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Private Secretary

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