

MEETING 17th MAY 1978

Present: Sir Keith Joseph (In the Chair)
 Mr. Maude
 Mr. Patten
 Mr. Ridley
 Mr. Cardona

Apologies: Mr. Walker

1. Report of Policy Group on Short-Term Benefits

AR/GC A meeting would be arranged between KJ, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Patrick Jenkin, Paul Dean and Lord Cockfield. The report should be ready for approval by Shadow Cabinet by July.

2. The Right Approach to Employment

KJ If such a document were published, it would be needed by the end of August. KJ would speak to Mr. Prior and produce a synopsis.

3. Manifestos

The draft of the UK manifesto should be ready for Shadow Cabinet by the end of June. KJ would write to Mrs. Thatcher to ask her whether two afternoons at the beginning of July could be reserved for discussion of the draft.

KJ KJ would also write to Mrs. Thatcher to ask that all regional manifestos should be cleared through this Committee.

4. Questions of Policy

AM AM would speak to Lord Carrington about the Committee on Questions of Policy.

5. Next Meeting

There will be a meeting with Mr. Whitelaw and Mr. Howell at 3 p.m. on Wednesday 24th May at CRD to discuss the proposed document on Law and Order. That meeting will be followed by the Committee's usual business.