

Prime Minister

The answer to your query selected is that Annex B does have to be taken in parallel with Annex A. Content now with the three points selected?

PRIME MINISTER

NATIONAL CURRICULUM: HISTORY

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You will recall you saw shortly before Christmas Mr. Baker's original proposals for the History Working Group. Following advice from Brian Griffiths you were most concerned about the proposed membership, in particular [redacted] You asked Brian to seek to resolve this with Kenneth Baker.

Mr. Baker's latest minute of 5 January (Flag A) represents the outcome of those discussions. It is now proposed that Dr. John Roberts should take the place of [redacted] and some important drafting changes to the supplementary guidance to the Working Group have been made. Brian strongly supports these revised proposals both on membership and drafting of the guidance.

There are also two further outstanding issues. At the end of Kenneth Baker's earlier minute (Flag B) he set out his proposals for the outline timetable for the establishment of groups on other foundation subjects in the national curriculum, involving implementation for geography from autumn 1991, for modern foreign languages by autumn 1992, and for music, art and physical education from autumn 1992. You need to consider whether you are content with this timetable. If it can be achieved - yes. Brian Griffiths has no comments.

Finally, there needs to be a parallel history committee covering the history and culture of Wales. Peter Walker's minute of 14 December (Flag C) sets out proposals that:

- The Welsh Committee should be chaired by Professor Robert Rees Davies.
- There should be common membership of the main Working Group and the Welsh Committee in the person of Dr. Gareth Elwyn Jones.

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You will wish to consider whether you are content with these proposals. *Brian is content.*

Content:

- (i) With the revised membership and guidance for the History Working Group as set out at Annex A?
- (ii) With the outline timetable for the establishment of future national curriculum groups as set out at the end of Mr. Baker's earlier minute at Flag B? *Yes*
- (iii) With the proposals for a Welsh Committee set out at Flag C? *Yes*

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*I thought - our
purpose was to tell them
some of the things that
must be done, the depth
of 'The Task' is very
vague. I trust the group
has to follow Annex B in
interpretation Annex A? =*

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