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JOBS

Tom King's group has:

1. Drafted a themes paper.
2. Agreed to talk to Nigel about changes in National Insurance at the lower end - I was keen to avoid 3 separate bits of work and 3 different answers on what is a Budget subject.
3. Prepared a preliminary list of options:
 - a. Expansion of Young Workers Scheme.
 - b. A big expansion of the Community Programme.
 - c. Special system of small grants to voluntary bodies if they employ people.
 - d. Two new versions of the Voluntary Projects Programme with a training element, taking people off the register.
 - e. An "early retirement" scheme for the long-term unemployed.

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f. Pilot Passport scheme.

4. Work in hand on deregulation and Wages Councils.

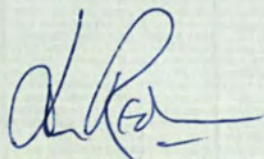
David Young is making good progress towards an extended training scheme for 16-18 year olds in MISC 107.

It is vital that each of the main protagonists now has territory to occupy, and the others do not trample on it.

The demarcation should be:

- i. David Young - unemployment not an option for under 18s.
(minutes of MISC 107 show scope of his proposals.)
- ii. Tom King - the Employment Paper and employment schemes, linked with more radical deregulation of the labour market.
- iii. Nigel Lawson - NIC and tax measures.
- iv. Norman Fowler - Reviews of Benefits and liaison with
iii.

Once they are further advanced, then you could call for reports and bring it together as a series of Budget-time planned and co-ordinated releases.



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