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Thank you for your letter of 10 May offering support for my minute of 1 April to the Prime Minister about energy efficiency in Government Departments.

As you say, it is essential that the expertise that already exists in the Energy Efficiency Office and also in the PSA should be shared with all Departments and be built upon. Your officials have already met with mine to discuss steps which might be taken at MAFF. Many Government buildings face the sort of problems which you describe at Whitehall Place, and it is true that the need to undertake investment in new equipment can limit the improvements which can be made in energy efficiency in the short term. But we have certainly found at Thames House South that a large number of savings can be achieved immediately as a result of simple management improvements involving little or no investment.

We are drawing up a plan of action with the Property Services Agency so that everyone can take full advantage of the information and advice that is already available. I shall be keeping colleagues fully informed of the assistance we can give.

I am sending copies of this letter to Members of the Cabinet, Sir Robert Armstrong and Sir Robin Ibbs.

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