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NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEALING WITH UNEMPLOYMENT.

Memorandum by the Prime Minister.

1. The panel of Ministers will meet as frequently as work makes it necessary, their function being to keep activities going energetically and to work their departments in keeping with Panel ideas and decisions.

2. The Minister who gives his time to the work of the panel, and who sees that its work is not neglected owing to the preoccupation of other Ministers, is available for special work and is the Minister in constant touch with myself and the staff of Civil Servants, will be the Lord Privy Seal.

3. The seconded Civil Servants will be in constant consultation on development, producing proposals, responsible for producing business and keeping in touch with the Lord Privy Seal and myself when necessary.

4. Where Departments in the ordinary way would have to deal with decisions taken, they shall continue to do so, and their Heads will take Parliamentary questions as they would if this organisation did not exist.
5. Only Parliamentary questions of general government policy will be taken by me.

6. The late Lord Privy Seal inaugurated, or carried to a much further stage than had been reached, the organisation of finance to expedite the rationalisation of industry, especially that which has to meet, both on home and foreign markets, the competition of well organised foreign rivals. Much of this work is still unfinished and it would be a mistake to change personnel at this stage. I propose, therefore, that Mr. Thomas should continue this, and details will be arranged without delay.

10 Downing Street, S.W.1.

June 23rd, 1930.