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Sir Kenneth Stowe has seen Mr Heppell's submission of 7 August to you, and then Ministers. Sir Kenneth comments:

"As the former Accounting Officer, I have no hesitation in saying that it was wrong (but in accordance with the Ministers' policies at that time) for the Department to hand over total responsibility for this project: effectively, it had no "owner". That is not to say we would have spotted all the errors. But at least we should have been looking. This is, with hindsight, a simple failure to apply the principle of accountability."

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cc  
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