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THE PRIME MINISTER

Tim: 1 card made head or tail of  
RBC external services forecast.

In the House on Friday. Peter Bales said.

	<u>1579 survey miles</u>	
<u>This year</u>	<u>Next year</u>	
£ 43.5-	£ 2.7 off £ 47.5 - = £ 45.2.	
	∴ increase is £ 1.7m.	

The incoming audit says (E 2A)

'The RBC external services provision  
is some £ 5m more next year.'

Are these reconcilable? Or don't  
they know. If not, it's severely with  
expenditure over £ 2.7 - which is within their margin  
of error. M.T.