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Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE
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Dear Mike,

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

As I have indicated to you already on the telephone, the Chancellor of the Duchy has seen ^{attached} the Secretary of State for the Environment's minute of 27 May to the Prime Minister and accepts that, as proposed, matters should now proceed by means of an oral Statement on Tuesday, 2 June. He is strongly of the view, however, that references to legislation next Session and in 1982/83 should be omitted from the Statement and that no commitments should be given at this stage.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to recipients of the earlier correspondence.

Yours ever,

David.

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