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EXTENDING THE LONG-TERM RATE OF SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT
TO UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE AGED 60 AND OVER

I have seen the Secretary of State for Social Services' minute to you of 17 July.

2. Following E Committee's agreement to this proposal I confirm that the expenditure in 1981-82 will be met from the Contingency Reserve. Expenditure in subsequent years will involve additions to the DHSS public expenditure programme. I have asked my officials to ensure that the sums mentioned in the Secretary of State's minute are registered as additions to that programme so that they can be taken into account when preparing advice for Ministers on the Public Expenditure Survey which we shall be discussing in the autumn.

3. I am sending copies of this minute to the Secretary of State for Social Services, other members of E Committee, the Lord President, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and the Chief Whips of both Houses.

L.B.

LEON BRITTAN

23 July 1981

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