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From the Private Secretary

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PUBLIC EXPENDITURE

The Prime Minister was grateful for the Home Secretary's minute of 11 November; and most grateful to the Home Secretary and his Ministerial group for the considerable progress they have made in narrowing down the disagreed areas in the public expenditure discussions.

The Prime Minister has carefully noted the points made by the Home Secretary. She has decided to hold informal meetings on all the topics identified by the Home Secretary herself with the relevant spending Ministers, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Chief Secretary. She hopes that the Home Secretary will also be able to take part in these meetings.

I am sending copies of this minute to John Kerr (HM Treasury), Muir Russell (Scottish Office), Ian Ellison (Department of Industry), Terry Mathews (Chief Secretary's Office, HM Treasury), Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

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