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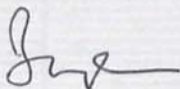
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Ref E (81) 117 on RSG 1982-83 and my latest paper to the Lord President on public expenditure presentation, dated November 20, 1981.

As you know, our advice is that as many as possible of public expenditure decisions should be announced simultaneously. But E (81) 117 leaves timing open and does not take on board the desirability of bringing all public expenditure decisions together in one announcement.

The case for a single package rests not only on the desirability of relating individual decisions to the overall judgment; there is also the presentational point that it is far better to kill off the bad news in one fell swoop than allow it to dribble out, with each individual item of bad news getting maximum treatment.



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