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From the Private Secretary

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for Hansard.*

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The Prime Minister has seen the Lord President's letter of 7 December to the Secretary of State for Employment about dispersal to Bootle, and your Minister's response of 12 December.

Following the further study of HSE requirements, the Prime Minister agrees that a dispersal package of 1260 posts will now have to be accepted. She recognises that there may well be some criticism to face, and that in presentation of the decision, you may be able to draw some assistance from the possibility of short-term posts in Bootle to help deal with the census. The Prime Minister would be grateful if Mr. Channon would now arrange for the revised Bootle package to be announced before the House rises by means of a Written Answer.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to Members of the Cabinet, the Minister of Transport and Martin Vile (Cabinet Office).

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