

## 10 DOWNING STREET

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From the Private Secretary

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## PAYMENTS TO STRIKING MINERS FOR MORTGAGE INTEREST

The Prime Minister has seen your Secretary of State's minute of 19 October and is content that he should bring forward proposals to H Committee next week for a change in the supplementary benefit regulations to allow payments to miners in relation to mortgage interest to be made direct to building societies.

She has also noted that your Secretary of State will be studying a wider range of options and she looks forward to seeing proposals in due course.

I am copying this letter to David Peretz (H.M. Treasury).

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