



*Jc JV*  
Prime Minister (2)

To note.

MUS 21/9

PRIME MINISTER

LOCAL AUTHORITY CURRENT EXPENDITURE 1983-84

We agreed at E on 20 July to raise our plans for English local authority current expenditure relevant for the RSG by £19.5 billion. We also decided that only £18.8 billion of this total would be allocated to services and used in calculating GREs.

I have discussed how that should be done with those of our colleagues immediately concerned. We were able to reach agreement on the figures in the attached table. We decided that we could achieve a more satisfactory distribution among departmental provisions by increasing the GRE total by £6 million to £18,806 billion. We can present this very slight change as de minimis. The general thrust of our policy is unchanged.

I am sending copies of this minute to the Secretaries of State for the Environment, Education, Health, Transport, Employment and Trade, to the Ministers for Health and Consumer Affairs, and also to the Secretaries of State for Scotland and Wales and to Sir Robert Armstrong for information. I am grateful to those of our colleagues concerned for helping settle this outstanding feature of the RSG for next year. I hope that we shall be able to continue the momentum and achieve an early RSG settlement.

*L.B.*

LEON BRITTAN

17 September 1982



## CONFIDENTIAL

## LOCAL AUTHORITY RELEVANT CURRENT EXPENDITURE 1983-84

£m cash	Baseline	Adjustment	New total
DES	9368)	+ 65	(9433
OAL*	308)		( 308
PSS	1957	+ 63	2020
HO	2945	+ 72	3017
DTp	1480	-	1480
DoE incl housing	2322	+ 26	2348
D Trade	49	+ $\frac{1}{2}$	49.5
DEm	65	+ 1	66
MAFF	80	+ $4\frac{1}{2}$	84.5
Total	18574	+232	18806

\* DES are to allocate part of their increase to OAL



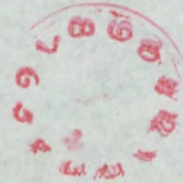
Local Govt  
Relations pt 13

CONFIDENTIAL

LOCAL GOVT RELATIONS CURRENT ESTIMATE 1982-84

Row	Baseline	Adjustment	Total
1	9888	+ 62	9950
2	309		309
3	1957	+ 63	2020
4	2945	+ 22	3017
5	1450	-	1450
6	2522	+ 20	2542
7	49	+ 4	53
8	73	+ 1	74
9	80	+ 12	92
10	1224	+ 22	1246

Do not allocate part of their increase to G/L



17 SEP 1982

CONFIDENTIAL