



Portlands

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10 DOWNING STREET

Prime Minister

This is the problem Lewis
Moss raised with you. Mr Ridley
has introduced a new argument,
that PLA will need deficit grant
but ~~and~~ a sale ~~at~~ on favourable
terms might avoid the need
for deficit grant. But E(A)
cannot take a decision on
a PLA finances now. In
any case it seems implausible
that a premium on the sale
price will be just enough to
avoid the need for deficit
grant.

Thus a decision on this
plot of land should be taken
on its merits now.

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