



Treasury Chambers, Parliament Street, SW1P 3AG

Stephen Ratcliffe Esq  
Private Secretary to the  
Secretary of State for Employment  
Department of Employment  
Caxton House  
Tothill Street  
LONDON  
SW1 9NF

NBPN

15 May 1986

Dear Stephen,

**DRAFT WHITE PAPER ON DEREGULATION**

Your letter of 13 May <sup>at 10.45</sup> asked for comments on the draft of the leaflet which will accompany the White Paper.

I understand that officials have been in touch to agree some minor amendments in the section relating to the Inland Revenue. These are as follows;

(i) the introductory sentence should be deleted and replaced with a new sentence reading:

"Other taxes are being simplified in a number of ways."

(ii) the first indented section, beginning "Businesses have to ....", should be deleted and replaced with the following:

"Employers have expressed concern about the procedures for reporting benefits in kind and expenses payments provided to their employees. The form P11D has been shortened considerably. The associated form P11DA has been abolished, cutting out a million forms sent to companies. Inland Revenue have given publicity to "dispensations" which reduce the paperwork on benefits and expenses. Efforts to find further simplifications will continue."

CONFIDENTIAL

(iii) the third indented section, beginning "Businesses find it....", should be deleted and the following should be inserted:

"Businesses, particularly new businesses, need clear help and guidance on tax matters. Much effort has been put into simplifying forms and improving the guidance and advice given to businesses."

Apart from these minor changes we have no further comments to offer.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries of members of E(A) and MISC 121.

Yours sincerely,

*Nigel Williams*

NIGEL WILLIAMS  
Assistant Private  
Secretary

CONFIDENTIAL

GOVT. MACH. Receipt Pt. 20

