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The Rt Hon Lord Young of Graffham
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Dear Secretary of State,

WHITE PAPER ON DEREGULATION

At Map, part 18

Thank you for copying to me the draft White Paper on Deregulation. As you know from Rhodes Boyson's letter of 9 July 1985, Northern Ireland was not included in the original exercise. Following publication of the 1985 White Paper, however, it was agreed that we would parallel the work undertaken in GB, whilst taking account of any distinctive local circumstances.

It was clear from the start that the parity basis of so many of our regulations implied that the bulk of the deregulation measures proposed in Great Britain would have a direct read across to the position here. Our first step, therefore, was to look at the work already completed, or in hand, in Great Britain. This examination identified some 60 items in respect of which deregulatory action has either been taken or is being considered by NI Departments in line with the developments in GB. This figure does not include regulations which have a UK wide application.

Throughout the exercise the Department of Finance and Personnel, which is the lead department in co-ordinating the exercise, has maintained close contact with the Enterprise and Deregulation Unit to ensure that relevant papers (including earlier drafts of the White Paper) are circulating to NI departments for assessment and appropriate action. A detailed report which lists progress on the implementation of the initiative locally has recently been completed and will be copied to the Unit for Information. I can therefore assure you that the general momentum and direction of the initiative is being maintained in NI.



I am copying this to the Prime Minister and to Sir Robert
Armstrong.

Yours Sincerely
Manda Johnston

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(approved by the
Secretary of State
and signed in his absence
in Northern Ireland)

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