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I have seen your letter of 15 July to Nicholas Ridley.

In devising the arrangements for consumer representation on privatisation of British Gas, full account was taken of the need to achieve the most cost effective arrangements consistent with the essential aim of ensuring that consumers continued to be fully protected. To this end, the Gas Bill provides that a single Gas Consumers' Council will replace not only the existing National Gas Consumers' Council but also the twelve Regional Gas Consumers' Council, a net reduction of twelve in the number of NDPBs. This, of course, well maintains our general policy stance on quangos.

I am copying this letter to members of the Cabinet and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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