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Dear Mr Meacher,

The Prime Minister has asked me to inform you that she is transferring the following questions, tabled by you for Priority Written Answer on Friday 2 May, to the Secretary of State for Social Services:

"To ask the Prime Minister, what was: (a) the number of available places, staff and beds, (b) the rates per 1,000 of appropriate population and (c) the expenditure per 1,000 of appropriate population in respect of: (i) residential places, (ii) day care places, (iii) home helps, (iv) social workers and (v) home meals per week for those aged 65 years and over for each local authority in England, Scotland and Wales for each year from 1979 to 1985 inclusive, giving the national averages for (a) (b) and (c) in each case"

"To ask the Prime Minister, what was: (a) the number of available places, staff and beds, (b) the rates per 1,000 of appropriate population and (c) the expenditure per 1,000 of appropriate population in respect of: (i) geriatric inpatients, (ii) geriatric outpatients, (iii) elderly severely mentally infirm inpatients, (iv) elderly severely mentally infirm outpatients, (v) non-psychiatric day patients, (vi) health visitors, (vii) district nurses and (viii) chiropody for those aged 65 years and over for each district health authority in England, Scotland and Wales for each year from 1979 to 1985 inclusive, giving the national averages for (a) (b) and (c) in each case"

and the following question, tabled by you for Priority Written Answer on Tuesday 6 May:

"To ask the Prime Minister, what guidelines Her Majesty's Government is issuing on inter-departmentally linked computerheld information in the light of the White Paper plans for up-dating the Department of Health and Social Security system; and who will have access to the up-dated computers in the Department of Health and Social Security and under what circumstances."

Yours sincerely,
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