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From the Parliamentary Secretary

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Dear Nick

I am content with the proposals set out in the draft consultation paper enclosed with your minute of 15 July to the Prime Minister.

I note that the proposals will not affect my Department's responsibilities in relation to the authorisation of radioactive discharges, the control of pesticides and the disposal of waste at sea under the Food and Environment Protection Act 1985. In order to make these points clear, our officials have agreed some drafting alterations to the paragraphs dealing with these issues. They have also agreed that the draft should make clear that, as appropriate, my Department along with other authorities, should be consulted on discharges to water.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, other members of E(A), the Lord President and to Sir Robin Butler.

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