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## COMMUNITY CHARGE

We discussed recently the commitment which the Prime Minister gave in reply to a letter that Mr Thatcher and she would not claim transitional relief on their personal community charges.

I raised this privately with DOE officials and they are now able to confirm, after discreet enquiries of Westminster City Council, that the Prime Minister and Mr Thatcher's bills will not include automatic transitional relief. Both are eligible to apply, since they are over pensionable age, but that is irrelevant in the circumstances. The important thing is that the Prime Minister need take no action to honour her commitment.

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