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Dear Roger

ABOLITION OF THE GLC AND THE METROPOLITAN COUNTY COUNCILS

My Secretary of the State has asked me to write to put on record a point that arose in the discussion at MISC 95 on 6 July which was not recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

2 As you know the abolition of the GLC and Metropolitan County Councils has implications for tourism. In particular the regional Tourist Boards will be faced with a funding problem, especially the London Tourist Board and the Northumbria Tourist Board which currently receive 30% of their income from the GLC and the Tyne and Wear Metropolitan Council respectively. But the Secretary of State thinks that it was agreed on 6 July that it should be possible to overcome these problems, perhaps by looking to the remaining local authorities to make up the deficit.

3 My Secretary of State has not suggested that there is any need to revise the minutes of the meeting but he thinks that your Secretary of State and other Ministers would find it useful to know that he has already asked officials to investigate possible solutions to this problem.

4 I am sending a copy of this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Prime Minister and other members of MISC 95 and to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

*Yours etc
Steve Nicklen*

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Private Secretary

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Dear Steve,

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ABOLITION OF THE GLC AND MCCs

Thank you for your letter of 14 July.

My Secretary of State has asked me to stress the need to ensure that the arrangements proposed for tourism should not conflict with the general overriding policy that functions should be transferred to the boroughs and districts. If there is a need for cooperation between authorities, it should be on a voluntary basis. Moreover, there should be no question of central government acquiring an additional role in this area as a consequence of abolition.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

Yours sincerely
Helen Ghosh

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