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Dear Nickie

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## RATES REFORM BILL

Thank you for your letter of 12 November about progress on the Rates Reform Bill.

I note that John Wakeham will be expecting the Bill at Legislation Committee on 2 December with introduction immediately thereafter, and confirm that we are working towards this timetable. We have also been discussing the precise timing of Second Reading with the Business Managers as you suggest.

I am also pleased to report that since I wrote to you, Counsel has provided us with draft clauses on TSG and the abolition of the LRT levy. In view of this, and your confirmation that there is no reason to anticipate that the education pooling provisions cannot be dealt with by amendment, I do not think we need to meet. As you say, if there is any difficulty with Kenneth's provisions, then his Education Bill would presumably provide an alternative vehicle.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Prime Minister, the Secretaries of State for Wales, Education and Science, Scotland, Transport, the Lord Privy Seal, the Chief Whip, First Parliamentary Counsel and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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