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Dear Robin,

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL: HELP WITH  
THE COMMUNITY CHARGE

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I would be grateful if you could replace the second page of the draft announcement, circulated with my Minister's letter earlier today, with the attachment to this letter.

I am copying this to David Norgrove, the Private Secretaries to the other members of E(LF), and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours etc

Eamonn

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Private Secretary

expected that the same Regulations will apply in Wales and in most of England from April 1990, and in due course we will be bringing forward separate proposals for special rebate arrangements for those local authorities in England where there will be a transition period during which certain people will be liable both for the community charge and for residual rates. The details of these arrangements will be considered separately, but during the transition period rebates will be available to help people with low income meet both liabilities.

On the compensation arrangements, the Government have decided that there will be a once-for-all adjustment to the income-related benefit levels from April 1989 when the community charge is to be introduced in Scotland. In deciding this the Government took into account the need to have a clear and simple arrangement for giving help towards paying the community charge.

The amounts to be included in the benefit levels will be decided nearer the time. But they will reflect the estimated community charge payments were the system to be introduced in 1989/90 across the whole of Great Britain. They will also continue to provide help towards the minimum contribution to domestic rates in England and Wales.