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COMMUNITY CHARGE: DISCLOSURE OF INCOME SUPPORT RECORDS AND ATTACHMENT OF BENEFIT

I have seen a copy of your letter of 29 February to Nicholas Ridley.

I am content with your proposal on the disclosure of income support records to community charge registration officers.

I am also content with your proposals on direct deductions of community charge from benefit. It would be helpful if my officials could be kept in touch on how these deductions can be made to fit in with existing priorities already covered by direct deductions.

I strongly agree that there should be no question of 'ring-fencing' the community charge element in income support.

I am copying this letter to other members of E(LF), to the Lord Chancellor and to Sir Robin Butler.

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