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From the Private Secretary

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At a meeting here on Tuesday your Minister developed a point that, even after the community charge has been introduced, the top ten per cent of householders will be paying substantially more towards the cost of local government than the bottom ten per cent of householders. He estimated the top ten per cent could in fact be paying about fifteen times more.

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It would be most helpful to have a note by the end of this week explaining the basis of this estimate, and whether it is the best measure to illustrate this particular point. The Department will presumably wish to agree this with the Treasury and the Central Statistical Office.

The Prime Minister would also be grateful if the Treasury could provide a run of figures for the percentage of total income tax revenue paid by the top ten per cent of taxpayers.

I am copying this letter to Moira Wallace (Chancellor of the Exchequer's Office), Simon Judge (Paymaster General's Office), Roger Bright (Department of the Environment) and Jack Hibbert (Central Statistical Office).

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