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Dear Peter

RATE SUPPORT GRANT BILL

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Thank you for your letter of 5 August about the treatment of storm damage expenditure in the Rate Support Grant Bill.

In view of your strong opposition to any concession on storm damage and of the benefits of keeping the Bill as simple as possible, I am prepared not to press further at this stage for exceptional treatment for storm damage. We did, however, come under very strong pressure from our own supporters to help authorities affected by the storm and if this pressure is repeated during the Bill's passage I shall want to consider again the possibility of making a concession.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Members of E(LA), John Wakeman, John Belstead, Nick Lyell, David Waddington, Bertie Denham and Sir Robin Butler.

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