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From the Private Secretary

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COMMUNITY CHARGE: STUDENT NURSES

The Prime Minister has now considered your Secretary of State's Letter of 8 September to the Secretary of State for Scotland and the subsequent comments by colleagues.

The Prime Minister agrees with your Secretary of State that option (i) should be adopted, namely that 80 per cent community charge relief should not be extended to pre-Project 2000 student nurses. She also agrees midwifery trainees should not be brought within the definition of full time students, and with the recommendations on the other groups of nursing trainees set out in the paper by officials.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to members of E(LF), the Chief Whip and Sir Robin Butler.

(PAUL GRAY)

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