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## LOCAL AUTHORITY GRANT SETTLEMENT

Nigel Lawson makes a very good point at the foot of page 1 of his paper. I believe that the discussion on 14 September would be much improved if the DOE could provide explicit figures showing that those authorities who stand to gain most from the introduction of the community charge are the ones campaigning for further Exchequer support.

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