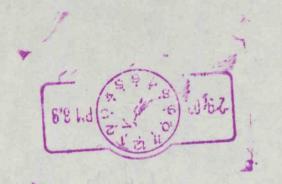


Thank you for your letter of 18 September sent in reply to mine of 11 September to David Hunt. As you know I am concerned that we should allow ourselves the opportunity to take a final look at the SSAs once the other components of the new financial system have been assembled. I have recently spoken to Chris Patten on this issue, and we all had a word about it before CCLGF this afternoon. We agreed, I think, that we should see the outcome of the whole financial package, and in particular the community charge effects, before finally endorsing the proposed SSA package.

I am copying this letter to members of E(LG) and to Sir Robin Butler.

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