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*Dear David,*

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COMMUNITY CHARGES: STANDARD SPENDING ASSESSMENTS

Thank you for your letter of 21 August setting out your proposals for standard spending assessments.

I gave my provisional views earlier in my letter of 22 June to Nick Ridley and I am content for you to continue to proceed on this basis for the Personal Social Services. I am aware that further work needs to be done to take account of more recent data and thus to recalculate the control subtotals. In doing this, you might care to look again at the component for PSS services for children where it seems that the two cost equations could be combined without materially affecting the distribution.

I agree with John MacGregor that we will need to consider carefully the overall impact of SSAs as related decisions are firmed up.

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

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