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*Dear Secretary of State*

*- 6 OCT 1989*

**FORMULA RATING REVIEW: TRANSPORT INDUSTRIES**

Thank you for your letter of 22 September on the proposed rateable values for the transport industries.

I agree that the aim should be to produce rateable values which are broadly comparable with those for conventionally rated industries. I am grateful that you have been able to find ways within the formula of reducing the likely burden on British Rail.

I know that negotiations between our officials and British Rail are continuing. In view of the tight timescale, I am content for you to consult British Rail and the other transport industries formally. I should, of course, like to look at the figures again before they are finally settled.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Prime Minister, Malcolm Rifkind, Peter Walker, Norman Lamont and Sir Robin Butler.

*Yours sincerely*

*Neil Hoyle*

*(Private Secretary)*

for CECIL PARKINSON

*(Approved by the Secretary of State  
and signed in his absence)*

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