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The Rt Hon Christopher Patten MP
Secretary of State for the Environment
Department of the Environment
2 Marsham Street
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19 October 1989

Dear Secretary of State,

THE COMMUNITY CHARGE: TRANSITIONAL RELIEF IN RESPECT OF LARGER PROPERTIES

at hand

Thank you for your letter of 17 October setting out proposals for the payment of transitional community charge relief in larger properties containing three or more adults.

2 The table attached to your letter demonstrates that the proposals are consistent with the funding envelope of £300 million for England for 1990-1991 agreed by E(LG). Your proposals also meet the broad principles agreed by E(LG) - that relief should be limited to two community charges per household and that the scheme should be targeted on former ratepayers as well as pensioners and disabled.

3 I am therefore content for the paper attached to your letter to be sent to the local authority associations.

4 I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Geoffrey Howe, Nigel Lawson, Kenneth Baker, Malcolm Rifkind, Peter Walker, Tony Newton and Sir Robin Butler.

Yours sincerely,

P. Warless

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[Approved by the Chief Secretary and signed in his absence.]

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