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Dear Kenneth

COMMUNITY CHARGES: STANDARD SPENDING ASSESSMENTS

Thank you for your letter of 4 October in response to mine of 21 August setting out our proposals for Standard Spending Assessments. *Prop P114* *will request if required*

In your letter you supported John MacGregor in suggesting that a further look at the overall impact of SSAs would be needed before decisions could be firmed up.

Since then John has written to Chris Patten on 16 October accepting the whole package subject to a minor modification on the treatment of capital receipts. This latter modification point has now been resolved between officials. *Prop P115*

You pointed out in your letter that there was a further minor simplification which could be incorporated in the SSA component for personal social services. We are happy to include this. I trust that you are now able to support the overall package.

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

Yours ever

[Signature]

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