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Dear Norman

**COMMUNITY CHARGE: TRANSITIONAL RELIEF**

I have seen Chris Patten's letter of 8 November to you in which he suggests that the only feasible method of dealing with the payment of relief to the occupants of 3 or more person households is to apportion the relief equally amongst those occupants.

In our consultations with local authorities we have also found the problems of identifying potential recipients in multi-person households a matter of considerable concern and one likely to give rise both to added expense and considerable controversy. I therefore support the proposal that relief should be divided equally and would be happy to implement it here in Scotland.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Geoffrey Howe, Chris Patten, Peter Walker and Sir Robin Butler.

Yours ever,

MALCOLM RIFKIND



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