



CCPU
n. b. p. m.
BHP
17/4

Treasury Chambers, Parliament Street SW1P 3AG

The Rt Hon Christopher Patten MP
Secretary of State for the Environment
Department of the Environment
2 Marsham Street
London
SW1P 3EB

17^A April 1990

Dear Chris

Phy.

COMMUNITY CHARGE REBATES: ADDITIONAL PUBLICITY

You wrote to me on 10 April suggesting an addition of £1 million to your Department's publicity budget to finance advertisements at regional and local level on entitlement to community charge "rebates". The decision to proceed would be conditional on the outcome of urgent market research, and of course to considerations of propriety.

2. I have given urgent consideration to the request you have made in your letter. In all the circumstances, I acknowledge that this expenditure may be necessary. I would hope very much, however, given that we are at the beginning of the financial year you will be able to find acceptable offsetting savings.

3. I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Kenneth Baker, Tony Newton, Malcolm Rifkind, Peter Walker and Sir Robin Butler.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Norman Lamont".

NORMAN LAMONT

LOCAL Govt
Rates P+18.

