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Dear Tim,

LOCAL AUTHORITY GRANT SETTLEMENT FOR 1991/92

It was agreed earlier in the year that my Secretary of State should make an announcement during this month setting out the Government's proposals for the local authority grant settlement for England for 1991/92. I write to let you know that, subject to E(LG) reaching final decisions, Mr Patten would hope to make a statement late this month giving not only the preliminary proposals for grant but also the outcome of the review of the community charge. This would take the form of an oral statement, together with a consultation paper which will be made available to local authorities and to members.

We envisage that the statement might be made during the third week of July, although no doubt the Lord President will wish to consider the most convenient timing having regard to Parliamentary and other considerations.

I am sending copies of this letter to Barry Potter (No.10), the Private Secretaries to Members of E(LG), to Murdo MacLean (Chief Whip's Office) and to Sonia Phippard (Cabinet Office).

Yours
Phillip

PHILLIP WARD
Private Secretary