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Dear Michael

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Thank you for your letter of 2 August about the new burdens procedure.

I am pleased that in proposing new regulations under the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974, the Health and Safety Commission (HSC) always produce a cost benefit analysis and fully consult the affected parties. The two HSC proposals in the lists attached to my letter of 23 July were carefully quantified and I am grateful for this.

My officials are already in touch with yours about a number of other HSC proposals under the 1974 Act which had not previously been notified as potential burdens on local government.

It would be welcome if HSC's remit to bring forward proposals to modernise progressively health and safety law were also to result in possible savings for local government. Under the new burdens procedure we are just as interested in these cases. As Chris Patten said in his letter of 23 July, sponsors should wherever possible look for savings to local government to match any additional demands.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Members of E. (LG) and to Sir Robin Butler.

Yours ever

Michael.

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