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*From The Secretary of State for Wales*

The Rt Hon Nicholas Edwards MP

9 January 1985

*John Biffen*

I have to advise you that there was a small technical error in the calculation of the expenditure targets set out in the Welsh Rate Support Grant Report for 1985/86 which was laid in the House on 12 December. As a consequence there were also errors in the grant related poundage schedules and in the safety net multipliers.

I propose to correct these errors by laying a short amendment report later this week which can be considered by the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments at their meeting on 15 January. The way will then be clear to debate the amendment report together with the main report. I understand that Patrick will be debating the English RSG Report on Wednesday 16 January and I would be content as in the past to follow him with a 1½ hour debate after 10.00 pm.

Perhaps you would let me know if this can be so arranged. Copies go to E(LA) members and to the Chief Whip's Office.

*John Biffen*  
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The Rt Hon John Biffen MP  
Lord Privy Seal

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