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Dear Peter,

RATE LIMITATION: FINALISATION OF LIMITS FOR RATING AUTHORITIES

Thank you for your letter of 12 February, responding to my letter of 11 February to Willie Whitelaw about the draft Order. I have now had to set rate limits. You will by now have seen my further letter about my final decision on the rate limit for Lewisham, which is now included in the draft Order at 99.66p.

You express your concern - which we share - at the necessity for adequate controls to prevent authorities from budgetting for a deficit. This is something we are looking at in the context of the local government finance studies which Kenneth Baker and William Waldegrave are currently leading. You and other colleagues will of course be fully involved in consideration of their conclusions.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

Yours ever
Patrick

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