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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NHS WHITE PAPER: CROWN IMMUNITY

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 10 July to John Wakeham.

I agree with your proposal to remove the remaining NHS Crown immunities. As you say, this would help demonstrate our commitment to maintaining environmental and safety standards and to our policy of encouraging real competition between the public and private health care sectors.

I am copying this letter to H Committee, Patrick Mayhew, Richard Luce and Sir Robin Butler.

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