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Dear Geo Howe,

SCRUTINY DEBATE ON ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION

The House of Commons Select Committee on European Legislation recommended on 2 May that there should be a debate on Economic and Monetary Union following their scrutiny of a Commission report on this subject.

The House has since had the opportunity to discuss EMU twice, once in the European Community White Paper debate on 11 June and secondly in the debate following Brian Sedgemore's private members' motion on 15 June. Accordingly I have not felt it necessary to propose a further debate before the Recess. I recognise, however, that the House will wish to have another full debate in the autumn, in good time before the opening of the Inter-Governmental Conference on EMU in December. I will write again closer to the time with the proposed wording of a motion.

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

Yours Ever,
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