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Dear Andrew

PUBLIC EXPENDITURE WHITE PAPER 1984

I am sending you separately the text of Part 1 of the White Paper. I attach herewith the text of Parts 2 and 3. We have aimed this year to introduce a more consistent pattern for each of the main programme chapters, to help comparisons between programmes; to put a greater emphasis on the statement of policy objectives; and to relate policy objectives to progress and performance indicators wherever possible.

The Chief Secretary is grateful for the cooperation of his colleagues and their officials in this endeavour. Progress has been made, particularly in making the presentation more consistent and in including a clear statement of the policy objectives for programmes. Less progress perhaps has been made in the more difficult area of relating policy objectives to progress and performance indicators and further work will be required on this before next year's White Paper.

For the first time manpower planning has been integrated into the Public Expenditure Survey, and so each chapter includes departments' manpower plans to 1987. To help Select Committees and others reconcile the Survey and Estimates, chapters also indicate explicitly where to look in Estimates to find the relevant supply expenditure for the year ahead. The external financing limits of the nationalised industries have now been included in the relevant programmes and the separate programme for Government lending to them abolished.

The only other point I should make is that, as last year, the main tables are not included in the texts attached since they are still being processed. They are summarised in the Part 1 tables.

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... Ministers. A further copy is enclosed with each letter for the
Department's PFO.

Yours sincerely

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