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Thank you for your letter of 16 December.

The Chief Secretary agrees it would be helpful to add to the "main points" on the lines proposed by the Chancellor of the Duchy, But he feels the drafting could be made rather more positive, and he proposes the new section should read:

"In other areas, most notably defence, the level of provision takes into account the substantial increases made in previous years. In these areas, as in all other programmes, the continuing search for efficiency will lead to further improvements in the level of service and output."

I am sending copies of this letter to David Norgrove, to the Private Secretaries to other members of Cabinet and to Trevor Woolley.

Yours

JILL RUTTER
Private Secretary

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