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The Rt Hon John MacGregor OBE MP
Chief Secretary to the Treasury
Treasury Chambers
Parliament Street
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Dear Chief Secretary,

**PUBLIC EXPENDITURE SURVEY COMMITTEE - 1987 SURVEY
DEPARTMENT 013 COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION**

I am writing in accordance with the guidelines for this year's Public Expenditure Survey to report that after a full scrutiny of the Commission's work programme over the survey period I do not wish to seek any additional resources to support the programme.

2. I have reached this conclusion on the basis that there are at present no changes in economic assumptions to justify any movement away from the baseline and that improvements in efficiency will release sufficient resources to provide for the progressively increasing workload that arises as the fabric of cemeteries and memorials ages. The period of the survey is seen as a time of consolidation after the substantial re-organisation of recent years, with the necessary resources being released by continuing to make better use of staff, equipment and techniques. All of this is in accordance with the Commission's corporate plan already agreed.

3. For the record, the baseline for the period of the survey stands at:

1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
£000	£000	£000
14161	14515	14878

4. I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister and the Lord President of the Council, as requested in the guidelines; and also to the Defence Secretary as Chairman of the Commission.

Yours sincerely

David Williams