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Dear Steven,

TIMING OF THE AUTUMN STATEMENT

Subject to Cabinet's agreement tomorrow the intention is for the Chief Secretary to announce during Treasury Questions tomorrow afternoon that the date of the Autumn Statement will be 3 November. This will be in response to a question from Mr Terry Patchett, to be taken with a question from Mrs Joan Ruddock.

In the unlikely event that neither of these Members are present to ask their questions the Chancellor would be grateful if the Leader of the House could make an announcement as part of his Business Statement tomorrow along the following lines:

"Following the decisions taken by Cabinet this morning, my Rt Hon Friend the Chancellor will be presenting his Autumn Statement to the House on Tuesday."

Copies go to Nigel Wicks at No.10 and to the Private Secretaries to the Lord President and Chief Whip.

Yours sincerely
Cathy Ryding

CATHY RYDING
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