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PRIME MINISTER

GUIDELINES FOR THE 1989 PUBLIC EXPENDITURE SURVEY

The Chief Secretary's minute of 15 March attached seeks agreement to the guidelines for the handling of the early stages of this year's Public Expenditure Survey. This does not cover the handling of the main Ministerial negotiations in the autumn, which will be settled later.

Most of the material in the guidelines follows well-established arrangements from previous years. The main differences stem from the change this year to the way that local government finance is measured in the new planning total. All the relevant details have, however, been sorted out between departments over the last couple of months.

Content to agree the proposed arrangements?

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