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Dear Stephen,

**EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND ARTS COMMITTEE REPORT:  
 DES AND OAL EXPENDITURE PLANS**

Your Secretary of State's letter of 5 October sought comments on a draft reply to this report.

2 Treasury officials have suggested two changes as follows:

- (i) Paragraph 13 erroneously implies that growth in capital spending on the Science budget in 1989-90 has been deliberately reduced to 13.4 per cent. This impression should be removed by referring to "slippage in" expenditure on construction of a new research vessel, rather than to "the phasing of" this spending.
- (ii) The first half of paragraph 15 explains that the number of postgraduate studentships has fluctuated in recent years, but increased in 1988-89. It would be worth adding that this increase is expected to be maintained in 1989-90.

3 I am copying this letter to Paul Gray (No.10) Martin Le Jeune (OAL), the private secretaries to members of E(EP) and Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

Yours,

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