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From the Private Secretary

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SOCIAL POLICY REVIEWS

The Prime Minister has seen your Secretary of State's minute of 20 March. She welcomes the comprehensive set of policy reviews which will cover a large part of the social security system. She is content that, in the week beginning 2 April, he should announce the establishment of reviews into supplementary benefits and benefits for children and young people; and the way these reviews, including the one into housing benefit, should be staffed.

I am copying this letter to Janet Lewis-Jones (Lord President's Office), John Ballard (Department of the Environment), Elizabeth Hodgkinson (Department of Education and Science), David Normington (Department of Employment), David Heyhoe (Lord Privy Seal's Office), John Gieve (Chief Secretary's Office) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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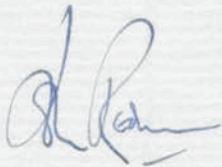
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SOCIAL SECURITY POLICY REVIEWS

I am writing to say we are quite happy with the idea of announcing three new reviews of social security policies publicly. The press briefing should be robust and purposeful, but should not imply that the end result of it will be an overall increase in the amount of money going on these areas.

I have told DHSS that I myself would like to sit on the co-ordinating committee.



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