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Jenny

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENERGY

Greenhouse Effect: Gas for Electricity Generation

1. Thank you for your letter of 31 January.

- 2. I agree that we should work to have the Gas Burn Directive repealed. It distorts the market and is bad environmentally.
- 3. To start this off, perhaps you might like to write to Cardoso, before he makes his proposal to the Commission on 22 February. Thereafter, I suggest we lobby in the Community more generally in advance of the April Energy Council.
- 4. Copies of this minute go to the Prime Minister,
 Nicholas Ridley, David Young, Kenneth Baker, John MacGregor,
 Paul Channon, Peter Brooke and Sir Robin Butler.

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