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CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER

Procedure (Finance) Committee

1. Thank you for sending me a copy of your minute of 19 September to the Lord Privy Seal about the Government's response to the first report of the Procedure (Finance) Committee.
2. In general, I am content with the recommended approach to the Committee's proposals.
3. But I hope that the possibility of an occasional technical Autumn Bill can be kept open, as suggested in paragraph 4(d) of your minute. This would be in line with the approach commended in my Addington Society speech.
4. I am sending copies of this minute to the Prime Minister, Cabinet colleagues and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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