

MR POWELL

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This sounds pretty
reasonable but
lets see if Mr Willetts
suggestion runs. Anyway

Papers please

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THE LATE KENNETH WHITTY

it's not far as to write
to Mrs. Whitty. CD19/xi

I have investigated the details of this case as you requested.

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I have looked into the detailed calculations to see if there is any way the lump sum can be increased further. There is one possibility. The lump sum damages are assessed on the basis of the discounted value of Mr Whitty's future earnings. It is not clear whether this assessment has included the future pension which Mr Whitty would have received had he lived beyond retirement age. The Treasury are looking into the possibility of capitalising this and thereby increasing the lump sum. But I cannot promise that there will be much extra money.

The Treasury need a few days to look into this point because they have to establish how the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme treats pensions. They are acting in a quasi-judicial capacity but I have urged them to be flexible. I hope that you can tolerate this further delay. If not, you could write to Mrs Whitty now giving her the goods news of her further lump sum compensation and write again if we can increase that further.

David Willetts
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