

PRIME MINISTER

cc. Mr. Willetts

The Late Kenneth Whitty

You will remember that at the dinner for the British Council you asked me to write to the Treasury about the compensation for the widow of Mr. Whitty, the British Council official who was assassinated in Athens earlier this year. I attach the reply which I have had from the Treasury.

The Treasury originally offered a lump sum of one and a quarter times Mr. Whitty's salary; full pay for three months after his death; and thereafter 85 per cent of his salary declining to 45 per cent of his salary when the four children leave full time education. These amounts are updated annually in line with other public service pensions. You commented that this provision was not very generous and asked for the system to be reviewed: this is being done.

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Agree that I should write to the British Council on your behalf telling them that the Treasury have agreed to recommend a further award in addition to the benefits payable to Mrs. Whitty under the occupational scheme and from social security?

F.R.B.

How old are the children. How much longer would they expect to be at boarding school. What are the

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annual fees for each

In what steps does the 75% fall to 45% of permissible pay. What allowances are included for the children.

What will be her annual income / children's income / allowances? It's no good capitalising the value - she has to meet the outgoings each year.

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