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Sarah Straight  
Assistant Private Secretary to the  
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Dear Sarah,

**BUDGET DAY PRESS NOTICES**

As you will be aware, the Chancellor will be giving his Budget Statement on Tuesday 18 March. In handling press notices, we propose to follow the arrangements of previous years under which all press notices, including those issued by departments other than the Chancellor's, are collated by the Treasury and issued both to the press and the House.

Your Department and others will doubtless already be considering whether you wish to issue any press notices on Budget day. I would be grateful for confirmation, by close on Monday 10 March of the subject matter of any such notices. It would also be helpful if you could let me have by then a contact point (name and telephone number) for any subsequent enquiry on each. Press notices should, of course, be cleared in draft with the appropriate expenditure divisions in the Treasury as early as possible.

As you will appreciate, the Treasury will be photocopying and collating a large volume of material over the weekend before the Budget. As a consequence, I am afraid that we must ask for copies of press notices to be sent to us by no later than midday on Friday, 14 March. We will require 1725 copies in all. These should be sent to our Committee Section preferably split within the package into three sets numbering 1150, 460 and 115 copies respectively.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Private Secretaries of all other Cabinet Ministers, David Norgrove (No.10) and Michael Stark (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely,

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