

CEPU



*ANBm
RCS
2/12*

Treasury Chambers, Parliament Street SW1P 3AG

The Rt Hon Malcolm Rifkind QC MP
Secretary of State for Scotland
Scottish Office
Dover House
Whitehall
London
SW1A 2AU

21 December 1989

Dear Secretary of State
GAELIC TELEVISION

file with R

Thank you for your letter of 18 December in response to mine of 15 December.

2 In saying that I would be prepared to add about £8 million a year, commencing in 1992-93 to your block baseline, I was simply repeating the cost estimate given by officials in their report circulated under cover of Douglas Hurd's minute of 17 October. You may of course wish to refine that figure in making your bid for provision in the 1990 Survey.

3 As there is no comparator it is of course possible that you may in some future Survey feel compelled to bid for additional resources for the service, as you did in respect of water in the 1989 Survey. Any such bids would, of course, need to be considered on their merits and their affordability in the context of the pressures we face at that time.

4 I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, other members of MISC 128 and Sir Robin Butler.

Yours sincerely

Norman Lamont

NORMAN LAMONT

PP Approved by the Chief Secretary and signed in his absence

BROADCASTING

Policy

1951