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REMUNERATION OF HEALTH AUTHORITY CHAIRMEN

In recent years the level of honorarium paid to health authority chairmen has been treated as a consequential of Top Salaries Review Body recommendations and the practice has been to implement in full the increase approved by Treasury for part-time chairmen of public bodies. Earlier this year Treasury approved an increase of 14 per cent for these posts following TSRB Report No 18.

We are not bound by statute to increase the honorarium annually and neither we, nor our predecessors here in England, have given any commitment to chairmen that their honorarium would be increased in line with TSRB recommendations. We have, therefore, considered whether this year's TSRB increases should be implemented in full, or whether we should restrict the increase to that being offered to NHS workers. I believe that an increase of 14 per cent would be insensitive in the present situation and difficult to justify in its own right. It would undoubtedly attract a good deal of adverse comment. Subject to colleagues' agreement, I therefore propose to limit this year's increase to 6 per cent, which would lift the present rate of £7,161 per annum to £7,590 to chairmen in England.

What should be the future level of remuneration for chairmen is something I want to consider later.

I am copying this to Nicholas Edwards, Jim Prior, Leon Brittan and Barney Hayhoe.

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*From the Private Secretary*

29 November 1982

REMUNERATION OF  
HEALTH AUTHORITY CHAIRMEN

The Prime Minister saw a copy of your Secretary of State's letter of 26 November to the Secretary of State for Scotland, about the remuneration of Health Authority Chairmen.

Mrs. Thatcher has commented "Excellent".

I am sending a copy of this letter to Adam Peat (Welsh Office), John Lyon (Northern Ireland Office), John Gieve (Chief Secretary's Office, HM Treasury) and Harry Bush (Minister of State's Office, HM Treasury).

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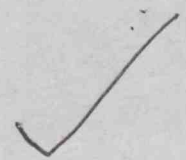


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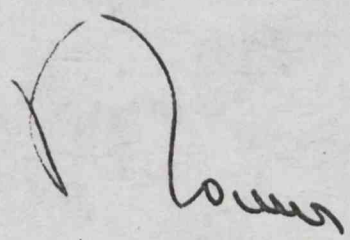
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Dear George:

Thank you for your letter of 20 January. I am glad that you agree with our proposals on pay for Regional and District Health Authority Chairmen in England.

I note that you intend discussing the question of increasing the notional time commitment of your Scottish Chairmen with the Treasury. As you say, this is a Treasury matter, but I for my part have no objection to what you propose.

I am copying this letter as before.

Yours ever  
  
NORMAN FOWLER

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