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THE PRIME MINISTER

29 May 1986

Dear Sir Robert,

I do want to thank you and your colleagues for the Sixteenth Report on the remuneration of doctors and dentists.

As you probably know, the Government proposes to accept your recommendations and implement them in full from 1 July 1986. As in previous years, provision for general practitioners' expenses will be made from 1 April 1986.

The Government decided that all the Review Bodies, other than the TSRB, were to be treated in exactly the same way and that the awards recommended by these bodies should be implemented in full, without abatement, at the earliest possible date. However, we also concluded that implementation should not be made at the expense of services.

We therefore agreed that the best solution would be to implement the awards from 1 July. Even so, this still left the health service short of the necessary resources to meet the full cost of the award from that date. Some of the cost could be recovered from the benefit of reduced inflation; the rest is being met, exceptionally, by providing an extra £60 million for health authority cash limits from the Reserve.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

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*Dear Prime Minister.*

REVIEW BODY ON DOCTORS' AND DENTISTS' REMUNERATION

I enclose the Sixteenth Report of the Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration. This contains our recommendations on the levels of remuneration we consider to be appropriate at 1 April 1986 and sets out the factors we considered were of particular importance when reaching our conclusions.

*Yours sincerely  
Robert Clark.*

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