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Prime Minister. (4)

For information

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Dear Tim

When he discussed certain police matters with the Prime Minister after Cabinet on 13 June, the Home Secretary mentioned that the Police Federation were currently considering issuing a writ about the criteria which were now being applied to determine whether or not his approval should be given to increases in the maximum limits of rent allowance fixed by police authorities.

The Prime Minister may therefore wish to know that the Police Federation's solicitors have now obtained leave to apply for a judicial review of the decision not to approve increased maximum limits for the Greater Manchester Police and, further or alternatively, that three paragraphs of the Home Office circular which set out the criteria now being applied to applications for approval are ultra vires.

The proposed increase in maximum limits was refused on the grounds that the selected house in Greater Manchester did not meet the terms of the Police Negotiating Board agreements on rent allowance and could not properly be regarded as typical of the police authority's housing stock.

Yours ever

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Tim / Mark

Yes the PM
should be made
aware of this
situation which
may "hit the
headlines" any
day. Incidentally I
did warn her before
LB! This is not
however a case

of settle at any
price — more
pray H.O. lawyers
have got it
right. I do not
think it appropriate
for ~~me~~^{the PO} (or me)
to be involved
directly.

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