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Prime Minister

You saw these papers on
Wednesday.

Do you think the uprating should
be announced in the Budget, or
later?

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Announcement of Uprating 1982

The Prime Minister was grateful to the Chancellor and the Secretary of State for Social Services for their minutes, dated 10 and 5 February about the timing of this year's social security uprating announcement.

The Prime Minister would prefer to delay the announcement until after the Budget. She has commented, however, that if we are going to make good the shortfall, this should be announced at the time of the Budget, leaving the precise figure for uprating until later.

I am sending a copy of this letter to David Clark (Department of Health and Social Security).

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