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From the Private Secretary

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The Prime Minister held a meeting earlier this afternoon to discuss the Chancellor of the Duchy's minute of today's date and the attached draft statement. Those present were, the Secretaries of State for Northern Ireland, the Environment, Trade and Industry, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, the Secretary of State for Scotland, the Chief Secretary, George Guise (Policy Unit) and Richard Wilson (Cabinet Office).

After a brief discussion it was agreed that the Chancellor of the Duchy should make the much briefer statement which he subsequently delivered to the House this afternoon. It was also agreed that the Chancellor of the Duchy should prepare a further paper setting out his proposals for the outstanding issues in the near future.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Secretaries of State for Northern Ireland, the Environment, Trade and Industry, the Secretary of State for Scotland, the Chief Secretary and to Sir Robin Butler.

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