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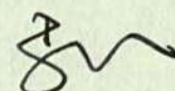
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Green Paper on Personal Taxation

I am told by the Treasury that, with the further postponement of the Prime Minister's meeting on the draft Green Paper, the Chancellor is getting agitated about whether it would be possible to fit in a further three meetings (as suggested, after consultation with the Treasury, in paragraph 8 of my brief of 10 January) and still get the document out on time with the Budget.

2. I should still have thought myself that this was possible. But if necessary the programme could be shortened by omitting the proposed third meeting on the longer term development of the tax system. This could be remitted for bilateral consultation between the Chancellor and Mr Fowler, and then picked up again as necessary at the concluding meeting to consider a revised draft.

3. You may like to add this gloss to the Prime Minister's briefing.


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