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*From the Private Secretary*

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**UNIFORM BUSINESS RATE**

The Prime Minister has recently seen some figures illustrating the effect the Uniform Business Rate would have had on business rates, had it been introduced in 1986/87 at a level designed to raise the same revenue from businesses as rates do at present. She has noted that in some cases there may be increases as large as 50 per cent, and has commented that there will have to be limitations on the amount of increase or decrease in any one year.

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in (CLF)  
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Could you please let me know if such a proposal is already under consideration? It may well be that it has been taken account of in discussions, and I am not therefore copying this letter at this stage.

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