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From the Private Secretary

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ROLE OF THE TREASURER

The Prime Minister has seen your Secretary of State's minute of 5 August. Before agreeing to the inclusion in the Rate Reform Bill of your Secretary of State's proposals to strengthen the position of the local authority treasurer, she would be grateful for advice from the Law Officers. She has in particular asked whether the legal qualifications of the Chief Adviser would be adequate for judging whether making a payment would be contrary to law ((b) in your Secretary of State's minute). She takes it that the recognised professional qualification referred to at (a) would be a financial qualification and that a legal one would not be sufficient.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Private Secretaries to members of E(LF) and to Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

(Mark Addison)

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