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The Rt Hon Nicholas Ridley MP
Secretary of State for the Environment
Department of the Environment
2 Marsham Street
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Dear Secretary of State,

DUAL RUNNING: RATES AND THE COMMUNITY CHARGE

Thank you for copying to me your minute of 30 July to the Prime Minister.

I am broadly content with your recommendations on the running down of the rating system. They will enable me to secure savings in the Valuation Office.

However, I do have some reservations about adapting the format planned for the full community charge demand note in the way you suggest for the transitional period, since it fails to give any indication of the contribution made by Government through specific grants. We clearly need a formulation which does show this.

I am copying this letter to members of E(LF) and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours sincerely,

Cathy Ryding

PP Nigel Lawson

(Approved by the
Chancellor and signed in
his absence).

