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Dear David,

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RATES REFORM: CROWN PROPERTY

My Secretary of State was grateful for Mr Rifkind's letter of 8 September.

He accepts that, with the exception of staff accommodation, prisons and hospitals should not be regarded as residential accommodation and that a contribution in lieu of non-domestic rates should continue to be made. We will ensure, therefore, that the definition of domestic property in England and Wales does not include prisons and hospitals, apart from the element attributable to residential staff.

I am copying this letter to David Norgrove at No 10, Mike Eland in the Lord President's Office, Private Secretaries to Members of E(LF) and Trevor Woolley in Sir Robert Armstrong's Office.

Yours sincerely,

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