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VALUATION FOR RATING: THE "ADDIS" AND "CAKEBREAD" CASES

I have seen your letter of 1 March to the Chancellor concerning urgent action to restore valuation law.

I agree that prompt action seems necessary. I note that you are seeking specific grant powers in order to recompense local authorities, but it is not clear where the resources are to come from. I am content with what is proposed as long as these resources are not taken from the agreed levels of block grant in support of service provision.

Copies of this letter go to the Prime Minister, other members of E(LF) and to Sir Robin Butler.

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