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*Dear Nick*

PARLIAMENTARY STATEMENT ON ADDIS, CAKEBREAD AND LEASING

Thank you for your letter of 8 March.

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I agree that your statement should be made as early as possible and that it is important for the necessary legislation to be introduced this Session. I understand that the House authorities have indicated that the provisions you have in mind would be within the scope of the Local Government Finance Bill, and this letter is to convey drafting authority for the amendments to be prepared. You will have seen Patrick Mayhew's warning that the provisions may not be easy to draft, and it is clearly important therefore that your officials should convey Instructions to Parliamentary Counsel as a matter of urgency.

We shall need to consider, together with David Waddington, whether the amendments have any implications for the arrangements set out in the present timetable Motion.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Prime Minister, Nigel Lawson, John Belstead, David Waddington, members of E(LF), First Parliamentary Counsel and Sir Robin Butler.

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