

PRIME MINISTER

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RATING APPEALS

The Chancellor has sent in another minute this evening confirming that he and Nick Ridley would like to discuss this further with you.

I do not suggest you spend time this evening on the substance of the issue, as I will put all the relevant papers in your box tomorrow for a meeting we are seeking to arrange on Wednesday.

But I should like to clear with you this evening who should attend the meeting. When you saw my note over the weekend about this and other rating matters you suggested that, in addition to the Chancellor, Mr Ridley and one of the Law Officers, the Lord Chancellor should also attend the meeting. The Lord Chancellor has not in fact previously been copied the papers, and before I arrange for this to be done I should like to check that you do want him involved.

Would you still like the Lord Chancellor to attend?

PAUL GRAY

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