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*Dear Roger,*

**THE COMMUNITY CHARGE: TRANSITIONAL RELIEF IN RESPECT OF LARGER PROPERTIES**

The Lord President has seen your Secretary of State's letter of 17 October. He has commented that the scheme proposed in the Annex to the letter for handling transitional protection for ratepayers living in properties occupied by 3 or more persons seems very laborious, particularly as the relatively small numbers of people involved imply an average of rather less than 1,000 per charging authority. While he fully appreciates the practical difficulties involved, he wonders if it would not, in the end, be better simply to arrange for this part of the transitional protection to be administered on an application basis.

I am copying this letter to Paul Gray, John Gieve, Robert Canniff, Jim Gallagher, Stephen Williams, Stuart Lord and Trevor Woolley.

*Yours  
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