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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Alan

BE I see we are now beginning to get stories in the press about non-payment of community charge. I should be grateful if you could let me have before Prime Minister's Questions on Tuesday a note which sets out the latest state of play on non-payment. How does the proportion of non-payers of the community charge compare with that under rates? (As in Scotland, one would expect the raw numbers to be about double, since there are double the numbers who are due to pay.) Is there any pattern in the geographical spread of non-payment (ie is there a marked pre-disposition towards non-payment in very high spending boroughs)?

Yours ever

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