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Dear Tim

LOCAL AUTHORITY GRANT SETTLEMENT FOR 1991-92

Phillip Ward's (DoE) letter of 4 July records that his Secretary of State hopes to make his statement on the local authority grant settlement for England of 1991-92, and on the outcome of the review of the community charge, during the third week of July.

2. Treasury Ministers are strongly of the view that the most appropriate timing for this statement would be Thursday 19 July, following the public expenditure Cabinet. This is the natural way in which to present the settlement in the context of the Government's overall policy on public expenditure, and to minimise any adverse effect on markets.

3. Our understanding was that it was firmly intended that the statement should be on 19 July, and Treasury Ministers trust that will be possible.

4. I am sending copies of this letter to Barry Potter (No 10), the Private Secretaries to Members of E(LG), Murdo MacLean (Chief Whip's Office) and Sonia Phippard (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever
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