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POLICY IN CONFIDENCE

PRIME MINISTER

STANDARD SPENDING ASSESSMENTS FOR 1991-92

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Chris Patten sent me a copy of his minute to you of 25 September setting out his proposals for changes in the assessments. He asked for colleagues' comments on aspects affecting their responsibilities.

I endorse his proposal to reduce the Additional Educational Need weighting for the Under 5 and "other education" elements of the education block, which is fairer and recognises that the shire counties too have needs in these areas.

Provisional estimates of the increases in the education SSA taking into account this change and the new pupil and student data (which may alter when final figures come through) give increases compared with this year's SSA's (not budgets) of the order of:

Outer London	17.8%
Inner London	17.3%
Met Districts	14.6%
Shires	16.2%

I am copying this minute to members of E(LG) and to Sir Robin Butler.

J.M.

1 October 1990