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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Phillip,

COMMUNITY CHARGE EXEMPTION FOR 18 AND 19 YEAR OLD SCHOOL LEAVERS

Thank you for your further letter of 15 October on legislation to exempt from the community charge certain 18 and 19 year old school leavers for the interval until they become students at a university or polytechnic.

I submitted your letter to the Prime Minister yesterday evening. The Prime Minister has noted that there is a relatively low degree of concern about this so-called "student gap" problem. Nonetheless, the Prime Minister would be grateful if you could investigate whether the problem could be resolved by means of a Private Members Bill, for which the Government would provide drafting assistance.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the other members of E(LG).

Yours ever,

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