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Dear Annis

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Thank you for copying to me your letter of 16 October to the Prime Minister.

There is no direct DTI interest in the 1991/92 capping procedures. Undoubtedly these will be controversial, but I agree that a firm line must be taken if spending is to be kept under control. An early statement may serve to moderate the budgets of potential high spenders.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, E(LG) colleagues, Nick Lyell and Sir Robin Butler.

Annis  
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