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From the Private Secretary

Note for the Record

Patrick Minford wants to say that Mr Hattersley is making a speech challenging the Prime Minister to say whether she endorses the ideas in Professor Minford's Institute of Economic Affairs paper. He will be taking the line, as in interviews, that it is ridiculous for Ministers to be asked whether they endorse a particular set of ideas. Ministers have called for a debate on public expenditure and taxation; Minford has made a contribution to the debate and Ministers will want to wait until other participants have given their views before pronouncing further.

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