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Dear Richard,

PUBLIC EXPENDITURE WHITE PAPER: CAPITAL SPENDING

My Secretary of State has considered the points in your letter of 13 December to Andrew Turnbull about the presentation of capital spending figures in the forthcoming Public Expenditure White Paper and agrees that it would be better to extend Table 1.13 to cover the two later years. He considers that the presentational difficulties might be eased somewhat by including in paragraph 63 of the White Paper text a reference to the successive changes in the rate of housing improvement and repair grants which contributed to the peak in local authority spending in 1983-84 and 1984-85 and to the subsequent decline. He has no other comments to offer on the White Paper.

I am sending this letter to those who received yours.

1 S GRAHAM Private Secretary

Yams sincerely,