

Note

PRIME MINISTER

Spoke Catherine Bannister
(Home Office) and Moira
Widdow (Treasury) and passed
on the PM's reaction; It said

ITV LEVY FOR CONTRACT EXTENSION PERIOD

I would not be mentioning it
at this stage. PRCB
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The Home Secretary and the Chancellor of the Exchequer are in
dispute about the arrangements for changes to the ITV levy
during the contract extension period from 1990-1992. The Home
Office prefers a mixed revenue and profits levy; the Treasury
a revenue only scheme.

Brian Griffiths concludes that, on balance, the arguments
favour the Treasury. But, as he says, it is not an issue you
need to get into at all deeply.

Do you want to express a view, or leave the Home Office and
Treasury to sort it out?

Prime Minister

PRCB

You saw these papers
last night but did not
comment. Do you want
to express a view?

Paul Gray
4 May 1988

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I really think the levy should -
in the event of disagreement - be determined
by the Treasury. It is a revenue matter
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