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Yes George,

We have jointly received from Sir Kenneth Corfield the stage 1 report of the Independent Review of Defence Radio Frequency Spectrum.

I am proposing to announce receipt of the report via an arranged Question in the Lords and at the same time announce our intention to publish, in due course, an abridged version of the report. I would be grateful if you could let me know if you are content with this course of action. A copy of the proposed text of the announcement is attached.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, Nigel Lawson, Douglas Hurd and to Sir Robin Butler.

Nigel Lawson

ANNEX

ARRANGED PQ IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS

QUESTION: To ask the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry whether he has received the report from the independent committee reviewing defence use of the radio frequency spectrum.

ANSWER:

My rt hon Friend, the Secretary of State for Defence, and I have received from Sir Kenneth Corfield, the Chairman of the Committee undertaking stage 1 of the review, the report dealing with defence use of the radio frequency spectrum from 470 MHz to 3400 MHz. Because of the nature of the evidence submitted, the report is confidential but in view of the public interest in the review, my rt hon Friend and I intend to publish an abridged version shortly.

The recommendations of the report will be carefully considered by the Government and the response will be made known as soon as possible.

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