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From the Private Secretary

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PUBLIC EXPENDITURE PER FAMILY

Thank you for your letter of 29 April. I have now also seen Tom Jeffery's of 3 May and Alex Allan's of 4 May. I am glad that, though the figures as always are not without their difficulties, we are agreed that the attached table provides us with an acceptable common base.

I am copying this letter to Tom Jeffery (Department of Education and Science) and Alex Allan (HM Treasury).

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PUBLIC SPENDING PER FAMILY OF FOUR

	<u>£ million</u> <u>UK</u>	<u>£ per week</u> <u>per family</u>
Health (1)	23,500	32
Education (2)	21,935	30
Social Security (3)	49,987	67.50

(1) A gross figure, estimated most recently by DHSS and reflecting the increase of £1,952 million (gross) in the NHS Budget this year. (N.B. Total includes some £200 million of land sales receipts.)

(2) Excludes the science budget, but includes an allowance for public expenditure on education financed by private income from course fees, etc. Figures based on the £21,892m. 1988 PEWP figure.

(3) 1988 PEWP

All the above calculations are based on a UK mid-year population estimate for 1988 of 57.006 million. Expenditure per family of four calculated by multiplying up a per capita figure.

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