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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 6 February. I do of course recall the paper you handed me on 21 January. I have been following with interest your subsequent discussions with Patrick Mayhew and Michael Ancram. I understand that they hope to have a further meeting with you later this week.

On the Northern Ireland Grand Committee, we have been trying hard – as Tony Newton told Martin Smyth last week during Business Questions – to achieve the consensus which would normally be sought before proceeding with changes of this kind. I know that Patrick and Tony Newton are both working hard on as great a measure of agreement as possible. We will announce the results of the consultation shortly, and get things moving. We want to see changes in place very soon. Meanwhile I am pleased to see that the Committee will next week be considering the Northern Ireland PES settlement.

Yours sincerely,
John

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