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Dear David

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DRAFT WHITE PAPER ON DEREGULATION

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 8 May to the Prime Minister, and a copy of the draft second White Paper on deregulation. As the meeting of E(A) Committee scheduled for 13 May did not take place, you asked for comments in writing.

Subject to the minor editorial changes agreed by my officials with the EDU, I am content with the Transport references in Chapters 2 and 8, and Annex 1.

However, I do have some reservations about Chapter 3 and Annex 3, which unfortunately - as you know - were not reached by MISC 121.

Whilst not wishing in any way to detract from the Concordat and the PCCA checklist, the Chapter as drafted does seem to give the misleading impression that this very detailed approach is necessary in every case - even when the burden to businesses would not be significant.

I also find the tone of Chapter 3 a little inappropriate to a White Paper, and rather at odds with the significant deregulatory measures already achieved by Departments.

For these reasons, I suggest that it would be helpful if the amendments, some of which I understand have already been put forward at official level, be made as shown in the attached Annex.

I understand that you, Nigel Lawson and Paul Channon are to discuss today the proposals on accounting and audit requirements for small companies. I do not think I need to attend the meeting, but I do have some interest in these proposals. I support Paul Channon's proposal to cut back accounting requirements and I also agree with him that, on balance, it is preferable to retain the statutory audit for small companies, as a deterrent to fraud.

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I am copying this letter to members of E(A), to Willie Whitelaw, Douglas Hurd, Norman Fowler, Michael Havers and Kenny Cameron and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

*Yours
Douglas*

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DRAFT WHITE PAPER ON DEREGULATION
SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 3

Paragraph 3.1, line 5:

Delete: 'administratively convenient for government'

Insert: 'popular with the public'

Paragraph 3.2, line 4:

Delete: 'pursuing'

Insert: 'promoting'

Paragraph 3.3, lines 1-2:

Delete: all from 'acts' to 'and' inclusive.

Paragraph 3.3, line 4:

Insert: 'the EDU' between 'who advise' and 'on the'.

Paragraph 3.4, line 3:

Insert: 'as a model for Departments' own working arrangements' between
'ministers' and 'appears at'.

Paragraph 3.4, lines 4-7

Delete: from 'This document' to 'but it' inclusive.

Insert: 'it'

Paragraph 3.4, lines 8-9

Delete: 'from' to 'minimise' to 'It' inclusive.

Insert: 'and'

Paragraph 3.4, line 10

Delete: 'felt it'

Insert: 'found it a'

Delete: 'to have'

Insert: 'guide'

Paragraph 3.4, line 11

Delete: from 'the arrangements' to 'some details' inclusive

Insert: to

Paragraph 3.4, lines 12-13

Delete: from 'and individual' to 'area of work' inclusive.

Paragraph 3.5, line 1

Delete: "requires"

Insert: "suggests"

Paragraph 3.6, lines 4-5

transpose "the EDU" and "Ministers"

Paragraph 3.7, line 9

Delete: "There are many"

Insert: "Departments have their own"

Paragraph 3.7, line 11

Delete: from "in" to "documents" inclusive.

Paragraph 3.7, line 13:

Delete: "Some"

Insert: "Where there are"

Insert: 'which' between 'regulations' and 'run'

Paragraph 3.7, line 14-16:

Delete: 'government'

Delete: from 'eg' to 'Here'

Paragraph 3.8, line 2:

Delete: 'government'

Paragraph 3.9, line 1:

Delete: 'government'

Paragraph 3.10, line 2:

Insert at end of line ", where there appear to be significant adverse effects on business, are"

Paragraph 3.11, line 7:

Delete: from 'where' to 'assessment' inclusive.

Insert: 'In some cases'

Paragraph 3.14, line 9:

Delete: 'by Departmental deregulation Officers'



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