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Dear John,

**COST EFFECTIVENESS OF PUBLIC EXPENDITURE MEASURES RELATED TO EMPLOYMENT**

I have seen your letter of 8 August to David Young.

WILL REQUEST IF REQUIRED

I am in general agreement with what is proposed, although naturally our concern is often with the Scottish or local employment effects of measures rather than just the national consequences to which the Report is primarily addressed. That is also true of the NDPBs for which my Department is responsible, such as the Scottish Development Agency. I do think it important, however, that medium term effects are given due consideration, as the Report suggests, and not completely overshadowed by the first year effects and long term effects.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

Yours ever,  
Malcolm Rifkind

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