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Dear Sir,

We spoke briefly this morning about the presentation of the LTPE Green Paper and the subsequent debate which will ensue. Could I add one further point which, if you speak to the Treasury about all this, I think you should make? It seems to me to be important that Ministers, particularly spending department Ministers, do not present the contents of the public expenditure white paper published next week in a way which will make the presentation of the long term public expenditure green paper more difficult. It may seem an obvious point: but if Ministers take too much credit for the amount more they are spending it is that much more difficult to explain why just a few weeks later the Government is wringing its hands. This is essentially a Treasury liaison point. It would seem impertinent if I made the point to them: but not if it came from you.

Yours
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