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*JP*  
At a meeting with the PM it was  
felt that July 22 would be a good  
day for this and for announcement  
of police pay. I've told **2 July 1986**  
Alison.

*DRS*  
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*Dear Alison,*

RATE SUPPORT GRANT SETTLEMENT AND RATE LIMITATION 1987/88

As discussed, I am writing to warn you that, as usual, my Secretary of State needs to make an announcement shortly before the Recess on his proposals for local government finance next year. This covers the RSG settlement and rate limitation for 1987/88. He may want to combine this with an announcement on local authority capital controls, if decisions are taken in time for that.

The normal format is an oral statement in both Houses. We would like to make the announcement in the week beginning 21 July, perhaps on 23 or 24 July. Lord Elton would need to repeat it in the Lords.

We have to let all local authorities know the date of the announcement a few days in advance so that they can arrange to collect the written supporting material as soon as it is released. It is therefore especially important to have a firm date for this announcement as early as possible. I would be very grateful if you could let me know the prospects.

I am copying this letter to David Norgrove at No 10, Joan MacNaughton in the Lord President's Office, Jill Rutter in the Chief Secretary's Office, Murdo Maclean and Rhodri Walters in both Chief Whips' Offices, and to Michael Stark in Sir Robert Armstrong's Office.

*Yours sincerely,*  
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Private Secretary

