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Dear Elizabeth

The Secretary of State for Scotland wrote to the Chancellor on 1 March proposing an urgent meeting to discuss Scottish teachers. Andrew Turnbull's letter of 4 March to John Graham records the Prime Minister's view that this should be swept up in the work which your Secretary of State is organising following the remit from the Cabinet on 28 February.

The Cabinet remit is to consider further the Government's policy towards teachers in both Scotland, and England and Wales, in relation both to the current disputes and to the longer term. The Chief Secretary appreciates that your Secretary of State is aware of the amount of public expenditure at stake here. There is pressure both currently and for the longer term beyond the scope of the Government's expenditure plans; and developments in teachers' pay either side of the border could have repercussions on other public service pay groups. The Chief Secretary hopes therefore that the further work will take full account of the Treasury's interest. He would be grateful if, when officials submit their report to your Secretary of State, he could give the Chief Secretary an opportunity to comment (by analogy with the procedure for Cabinet Committee papers generally) before it is circulated more widely.

I am copying this letter to Andrew Turnbull (No 10), John Graham (Scottish Office), D Normington (Department of Employment), Neil Ward (Northern Ireland Office), Colin Jones (Welsh Office) and to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely
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