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John Edward

Many thanks for your letter of 4 April. I am glad the Commissioners have endorsed your request to refer the matter of the salary of the Comptroller and Auditor General to the TSRB.

The TSRB have therefore been formally asked to advise the Government on the salary of the C & AG.

I believe it will be possible for them to provide a report which will be separate from their main report on the senior grades in the Civil Service. However, on timing, I do not think it would be possible for the TSRB to report on the C & AG in advance of their main report and, as I have said to you before, the Government will wish to look at the position of the C & AG in the light of its decisions on the main TSRB recommendations. That said, I believe it would be right to provide the Commission with the TSRB's advice on the salary of the C & AG before the Government reaches any decision on it.

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