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Thank you for your letters of 27 May and 14 June on key issues for London, and on your proposals on devolution, and savings. I agree that it would be useful to meet to discuss the issues you have raised and would like to ask Mark Prisk to join us. Please could I recommend your office contacts my diary manager Jackie Cameron on 0207 215 5422 to arrange a convenient time?

In the meantime, I should provide you with clarity regarding the LDA's grant for 2010-11. I understand that you have had discussions with Philip Hammond and the Prime Minister and it has been accepted that, in line with the reductions to the other eight RDA budgets in 2010-11, the LDA programme budget will be reduced by £40 million. You will also need to take a proportionate allocation of the £23 million savings to be made in the RDAs' administration costs this year. It is clearly regrettable that savings need to be made in this way, but I know you will appreciate the magnitude of the task this Government faces in addressing the deficit means that sacrifices must be made.



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