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PRIME MINISTER

I have read John Moore's minute on his plans for publishing the Review of the Resource Allocation Working Party formula.

We have similar arrangements for allocating resources to health authorities in Wales using a formula which in many respects is similar to that used in England. I have asked the Welsh Resource Allocation Working Group to look at a number of aspects of the operation of the formula and it would be very helpful if the findings of the RAWP review could be made public so as to help them in their work. Like John I take the view that publication need not prejudice the outcome of the wider review and I therefore support him in his suggestion that the RAWP report be published as soon as practicable.

/ A copy of this minute goes to John Moore, Tom King, Malcolm Rifkind, John Major and to Sir Robin Butler.

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