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Secretary of State for Industry

17 February 1981

The Rt Hon Norman Fowler MP  
Secretary of State for Transport  
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Dear Norman,

FINANCES OF THE PORT OF LONDON AUTHORITY AND  
OF THE MERSEY DOCKS AND HARBOUR COMPANY

Thank you for your letter of 11 February seeking comments from E(EA) on the proposal which has now been agreed between you, the Secretary of State for Employment, and the Chief Secretary, following the discussion in E(EA) on 5 February, for a special scheme of enhanced severance payments for registered dock workers in Liverpool and London. I think you can take it that colleagues on E(EA) are content for you to proceed as you propose; no doubt they will let you have any comments on your draft statement.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, members of E(EA), Francis Pym, Michael Jopling and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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*Prime Minister*

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*Dear Secretary of State*

*will request it read*

FINANCES OF THE PORT OF LONDON AUTHORITY (PLA)  
AND THE MERSEY DOCKS AND HARBOUR COMPANY (MDHC)

Thank you for your report dated 11 February to Sir Keith Joseph on the question of Government support towards increased severance payments at both of these ports.

In the light of the information you have received I accept that the early introduction of an enhanced severance scheme is the best alternative before us. I do not have any objections to the course of action you propose.

Copies go to recipients of your letter.

*Yours sincerely*

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PP NORMAN TEBBIT  
(Approved by the Minister  
and signed in his absence)

17 FEB 1981

