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14 January 1982

*Prime Minister*

*Content?*

*MAJ 15/1*

*Yes mb*

*After date,*

EXTENSION OF THE SPOUSE WARRANT SYSTEM TO MEMBERS' CHILDREN

By virtue of the House of Commons resolution of 22 July 1975, spouses of Members of Parliament are entitled to claim free travel warrants for up to a maximum of 15 return journeys a year to London.

The Lord President has received representations from some Members suggesting that for those Members with young families it would be useful if these warrants could be used by their children as well as their spouses, subject to the same overall maximum of 15 per year.

Although the Top Salaries Review Body in its report of February 1980 came down against extension of the free travel warrant system, they did not give any compelling reasons for their view and the Lord President considers that the idea is a reasonable one which is likely to be welcomed by all sides of the House. The extension would produce no significant increase in Public Expenditure.

Subject to the Prime Minister's views, the Lord President proposes to table a motion extending the free travel warrant arrangement to Members' children at the time of the next periodic review of Members Allowances, which is likely to be next June or July if the Government decide to increase these allowances this year.

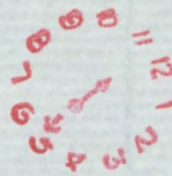
I am sending a copy of this letter to Murdo Maclean.

*Car over  
David.*

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15 JAN 1982

*Parliament*

18 January 1982

Extension of the spouse warrant system to Members'  
Children

The Prime Minister has seen your letter to me of 14 January, and is content with what the Lord President proposes.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office).

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MAP

18 January 1982

EXTENSION OF THE SPOUSE WARRANT SYSTEM TO  
MEMBERS' CHILDREN

*with MAP?*  
Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of  
14 January to Mike Pattison.

I have only two comments on this. Firstly, I think  
that before any motion is tabled there would have to  
be some consultation through the usual channels.  
Secondly, I think that there must be some upper age  
limit on the "children".

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mike Pattison.

(M MACLEAN)

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