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## PARLIAMENT

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6th July 1979

GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION(i) Committee of Whole House

European Assembly (Salaries and Pensions)  
Finance

(ii) Standing Committee

Bail Etc. (Scotland)

(iii) Report and Third Reading

Education

| (iv) <u>Orders and Regulations</u>                            | <u>Date Laid</u> | <u>Whether Controversial</u> | <u>Date Required</u>  |
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| * Air Navigation (Noise Certification)                        | 20/6             | No                           | By July<br>PC Meeting |
| Appropriation (No.2) (NI)                                     | 4/7              | No                           | By July<br>PC Meeting |
| * Assistance for House Purchase and Improvement               | 27/6             | Maybe                        | By 18/7               |
| Capital Transfer Tax (NI)                                     | 22/3             | No                           | By 20/7               |
| * Carriage by Air Acts  | 22/5             | No                           | By mid July           |
| Child Benefit   | 4/7              | Yes                          | By Summer Recess      |
| Coal Industry (Borrowing Powers)                              | 5/7              | No                           | By Summer Recess      |
| Coal Industry (Limit on Grants)                               | 5/7              | No                           | By Summer Recess      |
| Customs Duty (Personal Reliefs) (No.1) Order 1975 (Amendment) | 15/6             | No                           | For debate,<br>10/7   |
| European Communities (Definition of Treaties)                 | 5/7              | No                           | By 20/7               |
| Family Income Supplements                                     | 4/7              | Yes                          | By Summer Recess      |
| Firearms (Amendment) (NI)                                     | 3/7              | No                           | By 20/7               |
| Hill Livestock  | 5/7              | No                           | By Summer Recess      |
| Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) (NI)        | 22/3             | No                           | By 20/7               |
| * International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund               | 21/6             | Maybe                        | By July<br>PC Meeting |
| * INTELSAT (Immunities and Privileges)                        | 24/5             | No                           | By July<br>PC Meeting |
| Job Release Act 1977  | 2/7              | No                           | By Summer Recess      |
| Lloyd's (General Business)                                    | 12/6             | No                           | By end July           |
| Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions)                       | 2/7              | No                           | By Summer Recess      |
| Nursing Qualifications  | 2/7              | Maybe                        | By Summer Recess      |

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| (iv) | <u>Orders and Regulations (Cont)</u>                            | <u>Date Laid</u> | <u>Whether Controversial</u> | <u>Date Required</u>  |
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| *    | Oslo and Paris Commissions (Immunities and Privileges)          | 24/5             | No                           | By July<br>PC Meeting |
| *    | Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis & Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit     | 15/6             | No                           | By Summer Recess      |
|      | Prevention of Terrorism   | 2/7              | No                           | By Summer Recess      |
| *    | Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments Scheme) (Great Britain)       | 29/6             | No                           | By 20/7               |
| *    | Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments Scheme) (Northern Ireland)    | 29/6             | No                           | By 20/7               |
|      | Social Security Benefits Up-rating                              | 4/7              | Yes                          | By Summer Recess      |
|      | Social Security (Unemployment, Sickness and Invalidity Benefit) | 5/7              | Yes                          | By Summer Recess      |
|      | Supplementary Benefits  | 4/7              | Yes                          | By Summer Recess      |
|      | Tattooing of Minors (Northern Ireland)                          | 28/6             | No                           | By July<br>PC Meeting |

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## FINANCE BILLS

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| Title      | L | Intro-<br>duction   | Second R | Committee           | Report | Third R | Intro-<br>duction | Second R | Committee | Report  | Third R | Final | R.A. |
|------------|---|---------------------|----------|---------------------|--------|---------|-------------------|----------|-----------|---------|---------|-------|------|
| 1. Finance | - | Commons<br>18.6.79. | 27.6.79. | 3.7.79 -<br>10.7.79 |        |         |                   | 24.7.79  | 24.7.79   | 24.7.79 | 24.7.79 |       |      |



























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| 2. Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) (NI)               | 22.3.79. | 22.3.79. |                     | -                    |          |          |
| 3. Scotland Act 1978 (Repeal)   | 22.3.79. | 22.3.79. |                     | 27.3.79              | 20.6.79  | 28.6.79  |
| 4. Wales Act 1978 (Repeal)  | 22.3.79. | 22.3.79. | Summer recess       | 27.3.79.             | 26.6.79  |          |
| 5. Industrial Training Levy (Engineering)                               | 28.3.79. | 28.3.79. | End of June         | 3.4.79.              | 27.6.79  | 12.6.79  |
| 6. Firearms (Amendment) (Northern Ireland)                              |          | 4.4.79   |                     | -                    |          |          |
| 7. Industrial Assurance (Northern Ireland)                              |          | 4.4.79   |                     | -                    |          |          |
| 8. Capital Transfer Tax (NI Consequential Amendment)                    |          | 22.3.79  |                     | -                    |          |          |
| 9. Iron Casting Industry (Scientific Research Levy) (Amendment)         | 16.5.79  | 16.5.79. | 28.6.79             | -                    | 26.6.79  | 28.6.79  |
| 10. Social Security Revaluation of Earnings Factors.                    | 12.6.79  | 12.6.79  | 18.6.79             |                      | 27.6.79  |          |
| 11. Carriage by Air Acts (Application of Provisions) (Second Amendment) | 22.5.79  | 22.5.79  | Mid-July            | 11.7.79              |          |          |
| 12. INTELSAT (Immunities and Privileges)                                | 24.5.79  | 12.6.79  | July Privy Council. | 11.7.79              |          |          |
| 13. Oslo and Paris Commissions (Immunities and Privileges)              | 24.5.79  | 12.6.79. | July Privy Council  | 11.7.79              |          |          |
| 14. Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation)            | 25.6.79  | 12.6.79  | July Privy Council  | -                    | 28.6.79  |          |
| 15. Lloyds (General Business)   | 12.6.79  | 12.6.79  | End of July         |                      |          |          |



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| 17. Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance)                   | 14.6.79 | 14.6.79 | Early July         |                      | 2.7.79   | 9.7.79 |
| 18. Pneumoconiosis, Byssinosis and Miscellaneous Diseases Benefit (Amendment) Scheme | 15.6.79 | 19.6.79 | July               | 11.7.79              |          |        |
| 19. Customs Duty (Personal Reliefs) (No.1) Order 1975 (Amendment)                    | 15.6.79 |         | Summer recess      |                      | 10.7.79  |        |
| 20. Air Navigation (Noise Certification)   | 20.6.79 | 20.6.79 | July Privy Council | 11.7.79              |          |        |
| 21. International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund (Immunities and Privileges)        | 21.6.79 |         | July Privy Council | 11.7.79              |          |        |
| 22. Assistance for House Purchase and Improvement (Variation of Subsidy)             | 27.6.79 |         | 18.7.79            | 11.7.79              |          |        |
| 23. St Vincent Termination of Association  | 27.6.79 |         | July               |                      | 5.7.79   |        |
| 24. Tattooing of Minors (Northern Ireland)   | 28.6.79 |         | July Privy Council |                      |          |        |
| 25. Nursing Qualifications (EEC Recognition)   | 28.6.79 |         |                    |                      |          |        |
| 26. Shipbuilding (Redundancy Payments Scheme) (Great Britain)                        | 29.6.79 |         |                    |                      |          |        |
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| 28. Northern Ireland Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Amendment)         | 2.7.79  |       |          |                      |          |       |
| 29. Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1976 (Amendment) | 2.7.79  |       |          |                      |          |       |



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4 July 1979

*De Willie*

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE BILLS

The Secretary of State for Trade kindly sent me a copy of his letter to you of 26 June setting out his revised proposals for the legislative programme for 1979/80.

I have discussed his letter with the Chief Whip and we both feel that we must emphasise again the importance of not increasing the size of the programme - not just in terms of the total number of clauses to be enacted, but also in terms of the number of Bills, their complexity, and, above all, the extent to which they are likely to be opposed. As you know, concern was expressed in Cabinet about the number of Bills which will require to be guillotined in the House of Commons and we could well face a situation in which the Opposition will give us little or no co-operation in getting through even the less controversial parts of the programme. There are no grounds for optimism in their attitude so far, and it is more than ever important that the size of the programme should not be increased, and that it should be reduced if at all possible.

The Chief Whip and I therefore welcome the Trade Secretary's agreement not to proceed with a second Companies Bill this Session. We accept that a short Civil Aviation Bill may be necessary to increase the borrowing limits of the British Airways Board and that of the British Airways Authority and we see the case for a short and, we hope, uncontroversial Bill for our Merchant Shipping Liner Conferences for introduction in the Lords. We hope that the latter will prove suitable

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for Second Reading Committee when it reaches the Commons and that the Trade Secretary will agree that it should be included in the programme on the same basis as the Bills listed in Annex D to your memorandum C(79) 17 - that is, it will be introduced only if it is accepted for Second Reading Committee.

We are, however, concerned at the possibility that the Civil Aviation Bill might be expanded into a substantial and controversial measure. I do not know how many of the possible extra provisions which the Trade Secretary indicates in the third paragraph of his letter are absolutely essential, but I am particularly concerned by the suggestion, which I understand he has put forward in more detail to the Ministerial Committee on Economic Strategy, Sub-Committee on Disposal of Public Assets (E(DL)), that the Bill should be used to bring British Airways within the framework of the Companies Act in order to provide legislative cover for a share issue. Even if this can be done with only a few extra clauses, the Bill would be completely transformed and the difficulties of handling it in Parliament would be enormously increased. The Chief Whip and I must therefore ask that if a provision of this kind is needed it should be deferred until later in the Parliament.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Prime Minister, to other members of QL and E(DL), and to Sir John Hunt.

*John Amery*  
*W. St. J. P. Hunt*

The Rt Hon William Whitelaw CH MC MP  
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4 July 1979

*NRAM MS*

Dear Private Secretary

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1979/80: TARGET DATES

Departments were invited, when submitting their proposals in May for the Legislative Programme 1979/80, to give an estimate of when they expected each Bill to be put forward for policy approval, when instructions could be sent to Counsel and when the Bill should be ready for introduction. These estimates were summarised in the Annex to the Home Secretary's memorandum C(79) 18.

2. The estimates have already proved useful in planning for the preparation and introduction of Bills, and we are grateful for the efforts departments are making to meet their target dates. It is clear, however, that the estimates are now in some respects out of date (for example, Parliamentary Counsel have not yet received instructions on several of the Bills which were expected to be ready for introduction this month) and departments will probably now be in a position to give a more accurate estimate of their Bills' likely progress. It would help in planning for the work which Parliamentary Counsel can expect to undertake during the long recess, in arranging the business of Cabinet Committees, and in preparing for Parliament's return in the autumn, if departments could now review their proposed timetables and up-date them where necessary.

3. The review should cover all the Bills listed in the programme (ie the Annex to C(78) 18, read with CC(79) 6th Conclusions, Minute 6) apart from contingent Bills, and it should take account of any changes in the department's programme proposed or agreed subsequently. Departments are asked to ensure that their timetables are as realistic as possible, allowing for possible policy difficulties and providing sufficient time for Counsel to draft the Bill. It will be particularly important to keep to the timetable after the long recess because of the likelihood that a number of bills will need guillotine motions. We recognise the hazards in making any forecasts of this kind, but an over-optimistic estimate at this stage can result in wasted capacity and possibly to the unnecessary loss of a Bill from the programme. Where a significant change from the original timetable is proposed, it would be helpful to have a brief explanation.

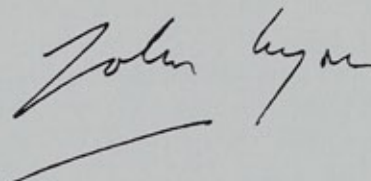


It will normally be sufficient to make estimates to the nearest month, although more accurate estimates will be useful for Bills which it is intended to introduce in November and December, or for which the timetable is particularly tight.

4. I should be grateful if replies to this letter, listing the Bills and their target dates, with any appropriate comments, could reach me by Thursday 19 July on the lines of the attached proforma.

5. I am copying this letter to the private secretaries to all departmental Ministers, Charlotte Egerton (Chancellor of the Duchy's Office), Murdo MacLean (Chief Whip's Office), Charles Cumming-Bruce (Lord President's Office) and Brian Shillito (First Parliamentary Counsel's Office).

Yours sincerely

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J M LYON

Private Secretary to the  
Prime Minister

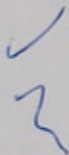
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Legislative Programme 1979/80: Target Dates

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27 June 1979

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BILLS SUITABLE FOR HANDING TO PRIVATE MEMBERS

1. I am writing to confirm that policy approval has been given to the Married Women's Policies of Assurance (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill. It was therefore possible to offer it to a private member successful in the ballot along with the five other bills set out in David Faulkner's letter to you of 22 June and, as you know, in the event it was taken up by Mr McKelvey.
2. I am copying this letter to Nick Sanders, John Stevens, Charles Cumming-Bruce and Henry Rowe.

J M LYON

22.8 JUN 1979



N. Sanders, Esq.,  
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22 June 1979

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12 Downing Street.

*Dear Mudo*

BILLS SUITABLE FOR HANDING TO PRIVATE MEMBERS

1. I sent you on 14 June a list of seven possible subjects which Members who had been successful in the ballot for Private Members' Bills might wish to take up. At that time none had been agreed by Ministers and it was not therefore possible to give Members any assurance about Government support or assistance for them.

2. Ministers have now considered and approved five of the Bills. The following may therefore be offered to Private Members without reservation:

1. Dental Bill
2. Registration of Electors
3. Coroners (Abolition of View)
4. Countryside (Scotland)
5. Highways (Road Humps)

The short and long titles of these Bills are either immediately available or could be made so before 27 June.

3. In addition, the Scottish Office are urgently seeking approval for the Married Women's Policies of Assurance (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill. Unless any Minister has reservations, this Bill too should be available to a Private Member by 27 June. I understand that Mr McKelvey has asked to take it up.

4. The Matrimonial Homes (Rights of Occupation) Bill will not now be ready in time for offering to a Private Member. It should therefore be withdrawn from the list.

5. I am copying this letter to Nick Sanders, John Stevens, Charles Cumming-Bruce and Henry Rowe.

*Yours ever*  
*David*

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22 JUN 1979



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GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION

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| Iron Casting Industry   | 16/5             | No                           | By 28/6              |
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| Pool Competitions Act 1971                                      | 20/3             | No                           | By 29/6              |
| Social Security Revaluation                                     | 18/5             | No                           | By 18/6              |
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## ORDERS AND REGULATIONS - AFFIRMATIVE RESOLUTIONS.

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| Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation)        | 15/6             | No                           | By July PC meeting   |
| Carriage by Air Acts  | 22/5             | No                           | By mid July          |
| Industrial Training Levy  | 28/3             | No                           | By end June          |
| INTELSAT (Immunities and Privileges)                            | 24/5             | No                           | By July PC meeting   |
| Iron Casting Industry   | 16/5             | No                           | By 28/6              |
| Lloyd's (General Business)                                      | 12/6             | No                           | By end July          |
| Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension)            | 14/6             | Yes                          | By 24/7              |
| Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuation) | 14/6             | Yes                          | By 9/7               |
| Oslo and Paris Commissions (Immunities and Privileges)          | 24/5             | No                           | By July PC meeting   |
| Pool Competitions Act 1971                                      | 20/3             | No                           | By 29/6              |
| Social Security Revaluation                                     | 18/5             | No                           | By 18/6              |

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PUBLIC BILLS 1979/80 SESSION

(Essential Bills marked \*)

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| Title  | L        | Intro-<br>duction  | Second R | Committee | Report  | Third R | Intro-<br>duction | Second R | Committee | Report | Third R | Final | R.A. |
|--|----------|--------------------|----------|-----------|---------|---------|-------------------|----------|-----------|--------|---------|-------|------|
| 1. Education   | 16.5.79  | Commons<br>17.5.79 | 19.6.79  |           |         |         |                   |          |           |        |         |       |      |
| 2. Kiribati*   | 16.5.79. | Commons<br>17.5.79 | 24.5.79  | 11.6.79   | 11.6.79 | 11.6.79 | Lords<br>12.6.79  | 14.6.79  |           |        |         |       |      |
| 3. European*<br>Assembly<br>(Salaries and<br>Pensions) | 23.5.79. | Commons<br>24.5.79 | 22.6.79  |           |         |         |                   |          |           |        |         |       |      |
| 4. Coal Industry*<br>(Finance)                         | November |                    |          |           |         |         |                   |          |           |        |         |       |      |
| 5. Energy,<br>Efficiency and<br>Safety, Etc.*          | January  |                    |          |           |         |         |                   |          |           |        |         |       |      |
| 6. Wildlife and<br>Countryside*                        | December |                    |          |           |         |         |                   |          |           |        |         |       |      |
| 7. New Towns<br>Money*                                 | March    |                    |          |           |         |         |                   |          |           |        |         |       |      |
| 8. European<br>Communities<br>(Enlargement)*           | July     |                    |          |           |         |         |                   |          |           |        |         |       |      |

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## ORDERS AND REGULATIONS - AFFIRMATIVE RESOLUTIONS.

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| Title  | Laid     |          | Required            | Joint S I' Committee | Approved |          |
|--|----------|----------|---------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|
|  | Commons  | Lords    |                     |                      | Commons  | Lords    |
| 1. Pool Competitions Act 1971<br>(Continuance)                             | 20.3.79. | 20.3.79. | 29.6.79.            | 27.3.79              |          | 24.5.79. |
| 2. Inheritance (Provision for Family<br>and Dependants) (NI)               | 22.3.79. | 22.3.79. |                     | -                    |          |          |
| 3. Scotland Act 1978 (Repeal)  | 22.3.79. | 22.3.79. |                     | 27.3.79              | 20.6.79  |          |
| 4. Wales Act 1978 (Repeal)   | 22.3.79. | 22.3.79. |                     | 27.3.79.             |          |          |
| 5. Industrial Training Levy (Engineering)                                  | 28.3.79. | 28.3.79. | End of June         | 3.4.79.              |          | 12.6.79  |
| 6. Firearms (Amendment) (Northern<br>Ireland)                              |          | 4.4.79   |                     | -                    |          |          |
| 7. Industrial Assurance (Northern<br>Ireland)                              |          | 4.4.79   |                     | -                    |          |          |
| 8. Capital Transfer Tax (NI Consequential<br>Amendment)                    |          | 22.3.79  |                     | -                    |          |          |
| 9. Iron Casting Industry (Scientific<br>Research Levy) (Amendment)         | 16.5.79  | 16.5.79. | 28.6.79             |                      |          |          |
| 10. Social Security. Revaluation of<br>Earnings Factors.                   | 18.5.79  | 12.6.79  | 18.6.79             |                      |          |          |
| 11. Carriage by Air Acts (Application of<br>Provisions) (Second Amendment) | 22.5.79  | 22.5.79  | Mid-July            |                      |          |          |
| 12. INTELSAT (Immunities and Privileges)                                   | 24.5.79  | 12.6.79  | July Privy Council. |                      |          |          |
| 13. Oslo and Paris Commissions (Immunities<br>and Privileges)              | 24.5.79  | 12.6.79. | July Privy Council  |                      |          |          |
| 14. Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline<br>Acts (continuation)            |          | 12.6.79  |                     |                      |          |          |
| 15. Lloyds (General Business)  | 12.6.79  | 12.6.79  |                     |                      |          |          |

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BILLS SUITABLE FOR HANDING TO PRIVATE MEMBERS

1. We have now completed an urgent trawl of Departments for Government Bills which might be suitable for handing to private members successful in the ballot.
2. At present there are no Bills which can be offered without reservation. As you will see from the attached list, however, there are seven Bills for which policy approval is being urgently sought and which it is hoped will be ready in time for an interested Member to have the long title before the last day of presentation. Mr Cranley Onslow has already expressed interest in the Bill on the registration of electors, but we are not aware of any other Member who might want to take up one of the other possible Bills listed.
3. John Lyon met Mr Morrison and Mr Cope on 13 June and gave them a very general indication of the areas in which these possible Bills might become available, but until policy approval has been secured it is not possible to give a Member any assurance of Government support or assistance.
4. The number of possible Bills is considerably fewer than normal, but there has, of course, been very little time in which to develop proposals and to consult Ministers, and priority has inevitably been given to securing the more central parts of the Government's programme. In the circumstances, therefore, I think this is as reasonable a list as we can expect, although even this may be further reduced if Ministers have doubts about any of the proposals. I shall, of course, let you know as soon as Ministers have made decisions about any of the Bills in the attached list.
5. I am copying this letter to Nick Sanders, John Stevens, Charles Cumming-Bruce and Henry Rowe.

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## BILLS SUITABLE FOR HANDING TO PRIVATE MEMBERS - 1979/80 SESSION.

## 1. DENTAL (DHSS)

A Bill to increase the number of members of the General Dental Council elected by dentists; to amend the arrangements for the registration and suspension of dentists; and to make provision for revising the arrangements for specialist education and training. Up to 25 clauses. Policy approval expected by 22 June.

## 2. REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS (HOME OFFICE)

A Bill to amend the law relating to the electoral registration of the spouses of Service personnel, and to give electoral registration officers the power to correct the register after it has been published. About 5 clauses. Policy approval expected by 15 June. Mr Cranley Onslow wishes to take up the Bill.

## 3. CORONERS (ABOLITION OF VIEW) (HOME OFFICE)

A Bill to abolish the requirement for the coroner to view the body as a prerequisite of assuming jurisdiction to hold an inquest. Recommended by the Committee on Death Certification and Coroners (the Broderick Committee). Less than 5 clauses. Policy approval expected by 18 June.

## 4. MATRIMONIAL HOMES (RIGHTS OF OCCUPATION) (LORD CHANCELLOR'S DEPARTMENT)

A Bill to improve and consolidate the existing law on the rights of spouses to occupy the matrimonial home. It would implement one of the Bills proposed by the Law Commission in their third report on family property of June 1978. Up to 5 clauses. Policy approval expected by 18 June.

## 5. COUNTRYSIDE (SCOTLAND) (SCOTTISH OFFICE)

A Bill to preserve rights of way and footpaths in Scotland by vesting responsibility in a single level of local government and conferring on planning authorities new powers to make bye-laws. About 5 clauses. Introduced by Lord Hughes last session. Policy approval expected by 25 June.

6. MARRIED WOMEN'S POLICIES OF ASSURANCE (AMENDMENT) (SCOTLAND)  
(SCOTTISH OFFICE)

A Bill to allow a married woman to effect a policy of assurance for the benefit of her husband or children and to enable any man or woman to effect such a policy for the benefit of a future spouse or child. The Bill would relax restrictions under existing Scottish law and bring it more into line with that in England and Wales. About 5 clauses. Policy approval expected by 25 June.

## 7. ROAD HUMPS (DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT)

A Bill to empower local highway authorities to install road humps designed to control vehicle speeds, subject to regulations to be made by the Minister of Transport on the dimensions and location of the humps. Section 17 of the Road Traffic Act 1974 at present empowers the Minister of Transport, with the consent of the local highway authority, to install such humps on a public highway, but they must be removed within a year. Less than 5 clauses. Policy approval expected by 25 June.

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Legislative Programme 1979-80

(C(79) 17 and 18)

BACKGROUND

The Home Secretary in his paper (C(79) 17) on behalf of The Queen's Speeches and Future Legislation Committee, recommends the introduction of 43 main Bills (Annex A) and foresees the need for some "Contingent" Bills (say five out of a list of 16) (Annex B). In addition there could be ten Scottish Bills (Annex C); and up to nine lower priority Bills provided they are accepted for Second Reading Committee. A programme of fewer than 70 Bills (out of 102 originally submitted by Ministers) is not excessive in a long Session, but perhaps as many as 15 will be markedly controversial and probably six (not identified) will require to be guillotined. Details of the Bills are given in the separate paper C(79) 18.

2. In selecting Bills, the Committee have sought a balanced programme reflecting the Government's main political objectives (paragraph 1 of C(79) 17).

← All The Queen's Speech Bills have found a place. Otherwise QL have been guided, with few exceptions, by the priorities of Departmental Ministers. Among the exceptions are the Road Safety (Drink and Driving) Bill which QL decided was not urgent and would most likely prove to be controversial, and the Rate Support Grant (Wales) Bill, which you asked to be rejected.

3. One or two Ministers may seek to add to the Programme. In particular, the Secretary of State for Industry may press the claims of the Telecommunications Authority Bill, which would split the Post Office into two Corporations dealing with posts and telecommunications respectively. He will have an Aircraft and Shipbuilding (Denationalisation) Bill (No. 35) and an Industry Bill (No. 36), but probably not a separate Cable and Wireless Bill (No. 37) if provision can be made elsewhere. The Secretary of State for Trade, who will have five Bills (Nos. 12, 13, 14, 41 and 42) may seek one further Bill (e.g. Consumer Credit, Civil Aviation, Merchant Shipping (Liner Conferences)).



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4. The question of a single Bill for the Disposal of Assets is shortly to be considered in the Disposal of Public Assets Sub-Committee, E(DL). I do not know whether it would wholly supplant any of the Bills listed, though it could affect the four indicated by footnote 3 in Annex A.

5. QL have sought not to overburden Parliament with legislation, to avoid late sittings and shortened Recesses. The Leaders of the two Houses and the Whips are concerned about the possibilities of delay inherent in a controversial programme; by the fact that some Bills, notably Housing and Local Government, Planning and Land, are long and complicated; and doubts whether Bills needed for early introduction will be ready by November. This is the background to the points made in paragraphs 5 and 6 of C(79) 17 and in conclusion 7(e). You will wish to bear them in mind if additional Bills are put forward in Cabinet.

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→ 6. You might invite the Home Secretary to introduce his paper, and then see whether the Lord Chancellor, the Leaders of the two Houses or the Chief Whip wish to add anything on the feasibility of the programme.

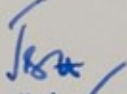
7. In discussion, you will wish to see that the Cabinet are satisfied with the likely political impact of the programme and that it meets the Government's objectives.

8. It should not be necessary to go through the list of Bills, but you will want to give Ministers an opportunity to comment on particular items.

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CONCLUSIONS

9. In the light of discussion, you may want to guide the Cabinet to agree:
- (a) The list of Essential and Programme Bills (Annex A).
  - (b) The bringing forward of such Contingent Bills as are necessary (Annex B).
  - (c) The list of Scottish Bills (Annex C).
  - (d) The list of Bills of lower priority which prove acceptable for Second Reading Committee (Annex D);

and to endorse the importance of early policy clearance and drafting of Bills (paragraph 7(e)).

  
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*Dear John*

GOVERNMENT BILLS SUITABLE FOR HANDING TO PRIVATE MEMBERS IN THE 1979-80 SESSION OF PARLIAMENT

Thank you for your letter inviting Departments to suggest suitable bills for handing to Private Members who are successful in the ballot.

None of the bills which this Department proposed in its bid for a place in the legislative programme meets the criteria set out in the second paragraph of your letter.

I am copying this letter to recipients of yours.

*Yours sincerely  
Peter Mason*

PETER MASON  
Private Secretary



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| MONDAY    | 18th June<br>Conclusion of Budget Debate  | 25th June<br>Debate on PROCEDURE                                    | 2nd July<br>Competition and Prices Bill: 2R<br>[Opposed Pte Bus. at 7 pm] | 9th July<br>Finance Bill: Cttee (4th day)   |
| TUESDAY   | 19th June<br>Education Bill: 2R<br>[Asst. for House Purchase & Improvement Order]           | 26th June   | 3rd July<br>Finance Bill: Cttee 1st day<br>(Back/Tokyo)                   | 10th July<br>Finance Bill: Cttee (5th day)<br>(Garden Party)                                      |
| WEDNESDAY | 20th June<br>Scotland Bill Repeal Order<br>[Army, Navy & Air Force Act (Continuance) Order] | (Tokyo) 27th June<br>Finance Bill: 2R                               | 4th July<br>Finance Bill: Cttee (2nd day)<br>(Holyroodhouse Garden Party) | 11th July<br>Wales Bill Repeal Order<br>European Assembly (Salaries and Pensions) Bill: Cttee etc |
| THURSDAY  | 21st June<br>Supply (1st AD)<br>Opposed Pte Bus. at 7 pm [Finance Bill Published]           | 28th June<br>Northern Ireland (Prevention of Terrorism) Regulations | 5th July<br>Finance Bill: Cttee (3rd day)                                 | 12th July<br>Education Bill: R and 3R<br>[[Opposed Pte Business at 7 pm]<br>(Garden Party)        |
| FRIDAY    | 22nd June<br>European Assembly (Salaries and Pensions) Bill: 2R                             | 29th June<br>Pensioners Payments Bill: ? All stages                 | 6th July<br>ODM Transfer of Functions Order                               | 13th July<br>Private Members' Bills   |

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| M<br>O<br>N<br>D<br>A<br>Y                | <p>16th July</p> <p>Supply (2nd AD)</p>                            | <p>23rd July</p> <p>Con. Fund (Approp) Bill:<br/>All stages</p> |  |  |
| T<br>U<br>E<br>S<br>D<br>A<br>Y           | <p>17th July</p> <p>Finance Bill: Report</p> <p>(Garden Party)</p> | <p>24th July</p> <p>Companies Bill: 2R</p>                      |  |  |
| W<br>E<br>D<br>N<br>E<br>S<br>D<br>A<br>Y | <p>18th July</p> <p>Finance Bill: R and 3R</p>                     | <p>25th July</p> <p>Adjournment for Summer</p>                  |  |  |
| T<br>H<br>U<br>R<br>S<br>D<br>A<br>Y      | <p>19th July</p> <p>Debate on Capital<br/>Punishment</p>           | <p>26th July</p>  |  |  |
| F<br>R<br>I<br>D<br>A<br>Y                | <p>20th July</p> <p>Private Members' Bills</p>                     |   |  |  |

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25th May 1979

GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIONi) Awaiting Second Reading

Education

European Assembly (Salaries and Pensions)

ii) Committee of Whole House

Kiribati

| iii) <u>Orders and Regulations</u>                     | <u>Date Laid</u> | <u>Whether Controversial</u> | <u>Date Required</u> |
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| Carriage by Air Acts                                   | 22/5             | No                           | By mid July          |
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| Iron Casting Industry                                  | 16/5             | No                           | By 28/6              |
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| Social Security Revaluation                            | 18/5             | No                           | By 18/6              |

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CONSOLIDATION BILLS

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|-----------------------------|---|-------------------|----------|-----------|--------|---------|-------------------|----------|-----------|--------|---------|-------|------|
| 1. Sale of Goods            |   |                   |          |           |        |         |                   |          |           |        |         |       |      |
| 2. Justices of<br>the Peace |   |                   |          |           |        |         |                   |          |           |        |         |       |      |





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| 3. Scotland Act 1978 (Repeal)  | 22.3.79. | 22.3.79. |          | 27.3.79              |          |          |
| 4. Wales Act 1978 (Repeal)   | 22.3.79. | 22.3.79. |          | 27.3.79.             |          |          |
| 5. Industrial Training Levy (Engineering)                                  | 28.3.79. | 28.3.79. |          | 3.4.79.              |          | 12.6.79  |
| 6. Firearms (Amendment) (Northern<br>Ireland)                              |          | 4.4.79   |          | -                    |          |          |
| 7. Industrial Assurance (Northern<br>Ireland)                              |          | 4.4.79   |          | -                    |          |          |
| 8. Capital Transfer Tax (NI Consequential<br>Amendment)                    |          |          |          |                      |          |          |
| 9. Iron Casting Industry (Scientific<br>Research Levy) (Amendment)         | 16.5.79  | 16.5.79. | 28.6.79  |                      |          |          |
| 10. Social Security: Revaluation of<br>Earnings Factors.                   | 18.5.79  | 22.5.79  |          |                      |          |          |
| 11. Carriage by Air Acts (Application of<br>Provisions) (Second Amendment) | 22.5.79  | 22.5.79  |          |                      |          |          |

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Dear Private Secretary

GOVERNMENT BILLS SUITABLE FOR OFFERING TO PRIVATE MEMBERS  
IN 1979/80 SESSION OF PARLIAMENT

I am writing to invite Departments to suggest suitable bills for offering to private Members who are successful in the ballot which will take place tomorrow, Thursday 24 May.

To be suitable for this purpose a bill should normally be short, simple, non-financial and largely uncontroversial. We have identified a very small number of bills from the bids I received from Departments last week as possible candidates for this procedure and these are listed in the attached Annex. I should be grateful to know from the responsible Department whether these bills can be offered to Private Members. It is also highly desirable that Departments should identify further possible private Members' bills so that the Whips can have a reasonable list to offer to Members. It may, for example, be possible to identify individual provisions which have been proposed as part of a Government miscellaneous provisions bill, but which could instead be taken through the House by a private Member. This would have the additional advantage of reducing the size of the Government bill.

I am afraid that there is not much time to draw up a list. As you know, collective policy clearance must be obtained before the title of the bill may be handed to a private Member and although the bill need not be drafted before the Member gives notice of presentation, the contents must be sufficiently clear to enable Parliamentary Counsel to draft the long title in time for the bill to be presented. The last day for presentation this Session is Wednesday 27 June. Departments with bills which could be offered to a private Member should therefore take urgent steps to secure policy clearance from the appropriate Committee and drafting authority from the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Perhaps I could also remind you that negotiations with Members who are successful in the ballot - of whatever party - are the responsibility of the Whips' office. They will co-ordinate approaches to the various Members and requests from them; Departments should not contact individual Members

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Private Secretary to the  
Prime Minister (For Information)

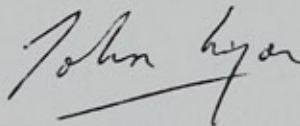


themselves. If Ministers are approached by a Member successful in the ballot, they are asked to let the Whips' office know as soon as possible. As soon as policy clearance for the bill has been obtained, Departments should send a short description of the Bill to the Whips' office.

Because the timetable is so tight, I must ask you to send me comments on the attached list and suggestions for additional bills by 5.00 pm on Tuesday 12 June.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to all Departmental Ministers and to Charlotte Egerton, Murdo MacLean and Brian Shillito.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Lyon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

J M LYON



## 1979/80 SESSION OF PARLIAMENT

BILLS WHICH MIGHT BE SUITABLE FOR OFFERING  
TO PRIVATE MEMBERS SUCCESSFUL IN THE BALLOT

| Department                                  | Bill  | Length     | Comment  |
|---|---|------------|--|
| 1. FCO                                      | Papua New Guinea, Western Samoa and Nauru<br>(Miscellaneous Provisions) | Short      | Early approval required. Bill could be ready for introduction soon.                  |
| 2. Home Office                              | Registration of Electors  | Short      | Instructions to Counsel could be sent very soon after approval given.                |
| 3. Lord Chancellor's Interest<br>Department |   | Medium     | Plans for policy approval would need to be advanced. Law Commission draft available. |
| 4. Lord Chancellor's<br>Department          | Matrimonial Homes<br>(Rights of Occupation)                             | Short      | Plans for policy approval would need to be advanced. Draft Bill available.           |
| 5. Trade                                    | Home Safety   | Very Short | Plans for policy approval would need to be advanced.                                 |

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18 May 1979

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1979/80

... Further to my letters of 10 May I now enclose details of my Secretary of State's one proposal for a Bill to be introduced in the course of the Session as a whole, viz a Bill to transfer to the Secretary of State for Wales, responsibility for Rate Support Grant in the Principality. Four copies are enclosed in the format requested.

/ I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries of the other members of the Cabinet.

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LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1979-80

1. Department - Welsh Office.
2. Title of Bill - The Rate Support Grant (Wales) Bill.
3. Length of Bill - Very short.
4. Purpose of Bill - To transfer to the Secretary of State for Wales in respect of Welsh local authorities, the functions in the Local Government Act 1974 concerning Rate Support Grant.
5. Proposed Category - Category III (Programme). Royal Assent required in time for negotiations with Welsh local authorities to start in April 1980 for the 1981-82 grant year.
6. Departmental Priority - N/A
7. State of Readiness - A draft Bill is already available. Policy clearance is being sought.
8. Timing - See item 5 above.
9. Parliamentary Procedure - Conceivably a candidate for Second Reading Committee procedure
10. Political Aspects - The Bill embodies a significant further measure of decentralisation to the Secretary of State for Wales (RSG has always been separately administered for Scotland). It is unlikely to be controversial as between the Parties; it is consistent with the Governments' Welsh Manifesto references to increased flexibility for the Secretary of State, was a specific pledge in the Labour

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Welsh Manifesto references to increased flexibility for the Secretary of State, was a specific pledge in the Labour Welsh Manifesto and is favoured by the Welsh Nationalists. Reception among Welsh local authorities is likely to be mixed and is to some extent unpredictable, since the proposition has not been discussed with them outside the context of Devolution.

11. Public Expenditure and Manpower

-- (a) Central Government: 13 additional posts will be required in the relevant areas of the Welsh Office but the Department will balance these by offsetting savings. No identifiable addition to central government expenditure is envisaged.

(b) Local government: a small but unquantifiable addition to local government manpower may be involved in manning the local government side of the annual negotiations. A separate system should lead to better control of local authorities' current expenditure in Wales, since it will involve separate control totals.

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18th May 1979

GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION

- 1) Awaiting Second Reading  
Education  
Kiribati

|  | <u>Date</u><br><u>Laid</u> | <u>Whether</u><br><u>Controversial</u> | <u>Date</u><br><u>Required</u> |
|--|----------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| ii) <u>Orders and Regulations</u><br>Iron Casting Industry | 16/5                       | No                                     | By 28/6                        |
| Pools Competitions Act 1971                                | 20/3                       | No                                     | By 29/6                        |

Mr. Sanders



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You spoke to Mr. Fancher  
about this year.

With the compliments of

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## CABINET

## QUEEN'S SPEECHES AND FUTURE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1979-80:  
BILLS FOR IMMEDIATE INTRODUCTION

Memorandum by the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

1. I shall shortly be putting to the Committee a list of all the bills which have been proposed by colleagues for the Legislative Programme 1979-80. This will, however, take a little time and we ought to consider at once which bills should be introduced during the first few weeks of the new session. There are some matters on which legislation is in any event needed without delay, and we must provide a reasonable flow of legislative business from the beginning of the session.

2. I attach a summary of bills which our colleagues have suggested for introduction in the period up to about 15 June. I have divided them into:

- (a) bills which must receive Royal Assent as soon as possible (essential bills);
- (b) bills which might become essential quite quickly (contingent bills);
- (c) other bills of varying importance and priority which could be introduced early (general bills), and
- (d) bills which might be suitable for Scottish Grand Committee.

Within each category the bills are in alphabetical order of their sponsoring Department.

3. I should like to aim for an initial programme of about 10 bills, sufficient - with the Debate on the Address and the Budget - to provide worthwhile business in both Houses in the period up to the end of June. The first bills from our main programme should then be coming forward.

We must also take account of the character of the first bills to make sure that they strike the right political note on which to begin the Parliament.



1. In view of their urgency ~~I~~<sup>I</sup> have agreed with the Lord Chancellor\* that Legislation Committee should urgently consider the Kiribati Bill and the European Assembly (Salaries and Pensions) Bill in advance of our consideration and that, subject to our views and those of Legislation Committee, these bills should be introduced immediately. If it can be got ready in time, the Education Bill will also be taken early at Legislation Committee in view of its importance and the need for early action on comprehensive school plans.

5. Of the other bills, I propose that we <sup>should</sup> invite the Ministers responsible for the Bills on Companies, Off-shore Installations, Limitation, the Price Commission, Criminal Justice (Scotland) (Amendment) and Law Reform (Miscellaneous Pensions) (Scotland) to press ahead for urgent policy agreement and to have their bills drafted as soon as possible, so that they can be introduced in the appropriate House at the earliest opportunity. The other measures proposed seem to me to be <sup>less</sup> strong candidates for immediate introduction early in the session,

But this is not to prejudge the question of whether they ought to find a place in our full legislative programme for the session which we shall be considering at a later meeting.

6. I invite my colleagues to agree on the bills which ought to be made ready for immediate introduction at the beginning of the session.

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~~\* Being confirmed with the Lord Chancellor this afternoon.~~

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FROM THE PRIVATE SECRETARY  
TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
FOR WALES

10 May 1979

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1979/80

I wrote to you this morning outlining my Secretary of State's initial proposals for this Session's legislative programme. I understand, however, following discussions between officials in our Education Department and the Department of Education and Science, that the first of the two DES Bills proposed for this Session will be purely concerned with the repeal of the compulsory comprehensive provisions of the 1976 Education Act and will not, as we initially thought, include other matters.

Mr Edwards is, therefore, content that powers to pay specific grant towards the cost of bilingual education in Wales should not be included in the first Bill. This measure is, however, of considerable importance to education in Wales and my Secretary of State is of the view that it is essential that it should be included in the second of the Education Bills.

Mr Edwards will also wish to seek an early opportunity to announce his intention.

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10 May 1979

*Dear Tom*

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1979/80

Your letter of 5 May asked for a reply by today on Bills which must or could be introduced during the period up to 15 June. We have no such Bills to propose. I shall of course be writing to you next week with my Secretary of State's full proposals for the session as a whole.

*Yours sincerely*  
*C. J. MEEK*

MRS E J MEEK  
Private Secretary

John Lyon Esq

*cc P/Cabinet Minister*



11 MAY 1979





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FROM THE PRIVATE SECRETARY  
TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
FOR WALES

10 May 1979

*cc Mr Ryder  
Mr James*

*John*

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1979/80

Thank you for your letter of 5 May about proposals for legislation in the 1979/80 Session of Parliament. This reply is concerned only with Bills which must or could be introduced up to 15 June. I shall write to you again about any proposals my Secretary of State has for legislation in the course of the Session as a whole.

Mr Edwards has no proposals for Bills to be introduced up to 15 June. He would, however, like to proceed with the proposal made in the Education Bill which lapsed on the dissolution of Parliament for payment of specific grant towards the cost of bilingual education in Wales. He considers that the first of the two Education Bills which he believes the Secretary of State for Education and Science has in mind would be the most appropriate vehicle for this.

/ I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries of other members of the Cabinet.

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5 May 1979

Dear Private Secretary

## LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1979-80

1. I am writing to ask for your Minister's proposals for legislation in the 1979-80 session of Parliament.
2. The legislative programme will be prepared on the assumption that the session will continue until the summer of 1980. As a first and immediate step, however, we need to identify quickly those Bills which must be introduced at the beginning of the session because early enactment is needed to meet a particular deadline, and to identify those Bills which could be made ready for early introduction during the period when there may not be much other business before the House. I should be grateful, therefore to receive a list of Bills which must or could be introduced during the period up to 15 June, summarised as in the pro forma at Annex A and with 4 copies of the pro forma at Annex B completed for each Bill as described in Annex C. In order to prepare the Parliamentary programme for the first weeks of the session I must ask you to let me have these details by 5.00 pm on Thursday 10 May.
3. It will be necessary also to prepare urgently a full programme of Bills which might be considered for introduction in the course of this session as a whole. It will need to include all those Bills for which Royal Assent will be required before the end of July 1980. I should be grateful if you could send me a full list of your Minister's proposals as in the pro forma at Annex A by 5.00 pm on Friday 18 May. The list should include any Bills which you may previously have submitted as candidates for immediate introduction; for the remainder we shall need four copies of the separate descriptions of each Bill as in the pro forma at Annex B.

Yours sincerely

J M LYON

Private Secretary to the Prime Minister

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ANNEX A

ORDER OF PRIORITY OF DEPARTMENTS' BILLS PROPOSED FOR 1979-80  
LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME

TITLE OF BILL

LENGTH

PROPOSED CATEGORY

Please list each Bill, in order of priority

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OUTLINE PROFORMA FOR EACH BILL PROPOSED FOR 1979-80 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME

1. DEPARTMENT
2. TITLE OF BILL
3. LENGTH OF BILL
4. PURPOSE OF BILL
5. PROPOSED CATEGORY
6. DEPARTMENTAL PRIORITY
7. STATE OF READINESS
8. TIMING
9. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE
10. THE POLITICAL DIMENSION
11. PUBLIC EXPENDITURE AND MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS

NOTES ON COMPLETING THE PROFORMA AT ANNEX B FOR  
EACH BILL PROPOSED FOR 1978-79 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME

1. DEPARTMENT

2. TITLE OF BILL

3. LENGTH OF BILL

An estimate of the length of the Bill is needed so that the demands on drafting capacity and Parliamentary time can be assessed at the earliest possible stage. An accurate forecast of the number of clauses and schedules will not be possible, but some indication such as "very short" (not more than 3-4 clauses), "short" (up to, say, a dozen clauses), "medium" (12-25 clauses), "substantial" (25-50 clauses), or "long" (over 50 clauses) would be useful.

4. PURPOSE OF BILL

Please state briefly the purpose of each separate topic in the Bill.

5. PROPOSED CATEGORY

The categories for proposed Bills are -

I Essential. Bills which must be enacted during the Session - eg because existing powers or finance would otherwise expire or because of treaty obligations. Please give the reason(s) (this category should not be used simply to reflect a high political priority).

II Contingent. Bills which might during the Session become Essential as defined above.

III Programme. Bills which can already be identified as being needed for enactment during the 1979-80 Session, and for which there are important reasons for not deferring introduction until later in the Parliament (see also 10. below). These reasons should be stated.

IV Reserve. Bills which do not have sufficient priority for the Programme category but which there would be advantage in enacting in 1979-80 if Parliamentary time could be found.

V Other. Bills for which there is no pressing need in Session 1979-80 but which are nevertheless worth mentioning (eg because they might be suitable for a Private Member).



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Where a Bill would cover more than one distinct topic, the appropriate category should be indicated separately for each topic.

6. DEPARTMENTAL PRIORITY

Please rank each of your bids for legislation in their strict order of priority.

7. STATE OF READINESS

We need to have the best possible estimates of the dates by which collective policy clearance will be obtained; by which complete Instructions will be ready for Parliamentary Counsel; and by which the Bill is expected to be ready for introduction. In making these estimates, Departments are asked to bear in mind that -

- i. unrealistically optimistic timetables are unhelpful all round. In cases of doubt, earliest and latest dates for each stage of the Bill's preparation should be given.
- ii. There will be a special need for Bills which can be ready for introduction at or near the beginning of the Session. For all Essential Bills, and for those Programme Bills where it is realistic to do so, the aim should be to obtain policy clearance and instruct Counsel as early as possible.

8. TIMING

Please give, with reasons, the date by which Royal Assent is needed for Essential and Contingent Bills, and where appropriate, target dates for the enactment of Bills in other categories.

9. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

A Bill may be suitable for special forms of Parliamentary procedure. Please state whether it might be suitable for any of the following -

- a. Second Reading Committee procedure in the Commons - that is, the Bill is likely to be accepted on all sides of the House as uncontroversial and of little or no political significance;
- b. Scottish or Welsh Grand Committee procedure in the Commons;
- c. Offering to a Private Member successful in the ballot - that is, short, simple, non-constitutional, non-controversial and without financial implications.



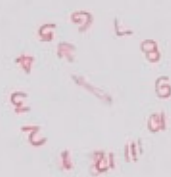
10. POLITICAL ASPECTS

Please state whether the Bill arises from a Manifesto commitment, or from established party policy and whether there are any firm public commitments about its introduction or timing. Please also cover -

- its likely reception in the House
- whether there is pressure from Groups representing particular interests
- whether it will be controversial politically or for any other reasons
- whether it will appeal to or be strongly opposed by any particular sections of the community

11. PUBLIC EXPENDITURE AND MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS

Please indicate the effect on central and local government expenditure and manpower of the proposed Bill for the PESC period, and whether PESC provision has been made for any necessary expenditure.



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