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Dear Mr McLean

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 It should therefore be withdrawn from the list.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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