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Thank you very much for your letter of May 12th.

As you know we have been giving a lot of thought as to how best to develop our policy statement "The Right Approach". We have decided against updating "The Right Approach" with another comprehensive policy statement as virtually everything we said in "The Right Approach" still holds good. However, we may decide to publish a fuller statement of our economic strategy in time for the Party Conference. We are also continuing our policy work in a number of politically important areas where our policy position needs filling out, for instance rates, immigration, prices and incomes, and industrial policy.

I think it is a good idea that members of Shadow should give the Party Committees opportunities to discuss our policies before we rise for the summer recess, and I shall ask for this to be done.

The Rt Hon Edward du Cann MP

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A point was raised at the 1922 Committee meeting this evening which I undertook to bring to your attention.

A number of our colleagues noted in a discussion led by Michael Morris that before we rise for the Summer Recess it would be sensible for our policy statement "The Right Approach" to be updated, and for this intelligence to be in the minds of Conservative M.Ps.

It was suggested that you might like to ask your Shadow Cabinet colleagues in due course to make certain that towards the end of this session discussions take place specifically on policy matters in our Party Committees, so that our colleagues are very well aware of, and are in agreement upon, the latest developments in Party policy.

I hope you think this is a sensible idea.

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