

PRIME MINISTER

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cc Mr Ryder
SCOTLAND +
WALES.

Scotland Act and Wales Act

You asked Richard Ryder what the position was about the draft Orders to repeal the Scotland Act and the Wales Act which were laid on 22 March.

The draft Orders are not affected by the Dissolution and they do not have to be laid again. It is now for the new Parliament to decide whether to approve them. The Government will have to decide when to bring the necessary motions before the two Houses, bearing in mind that it would be open to the Opposition to do so on a Supply Day if there were a long delay. There are no statutory constraints on the timing of the debates on the orders.

Do you want early advice on this from the Leader of the House, consulting the Secretaries of State for Scotland and Wales and the Chief Whip?

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