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The Opposition have now told us what the topics for the Debate on the Address will be.

The timetable is as follows:-

Friday 21 November: Social services

Monday 24 November: Foreign affairs and defence

Tuesday 25 November: Housing

Wednesday 26 November: Unemployment

Thursday 27 November: Industry and the economy.

The choice of housing on Tuesday makes it a great deal easier to handle Mr. Heseltine's announcement. He can now deal with housing in his speech, and I have suggested to Murdo that we might consider the possibility of the Secretary of State for Scotland winding up on that day.

I will consult the business managers and the Departments involved during the morning tomorrow, so that we can sort out any difficulties which may arise; but it looks as if we shall be able to find a way through the problems which looked so difficult this morning.

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