

Michael Ahouse

PPS notes

In view of the special circumstances in the new Parliament we have decided, following discussions with the Officers of the 1922 Committee, to supplement the traditional pairing system for Two Line Whips with a new system of Registered Two Line Bisques particularly to help those without regular pairs to fulfil constituency and other outside engagements. Special importance is attached to Three Line Whips, the arrangements for which will remain unaffected. The usual pairing system for Two Line Whips will similarly be unaffected.

Colleagues, divided into Groups on an alphabetical basis, will be eligible to register a Bisque with Mr Austen and be absent for Two Line Whips on the days allotted to their Group. A rota showing which Groups are eligible to register Bisques on particular days is enclosed. Bisques will not be accepted for registration prior to the announcement of business at the 1922 Committee before the week to which the Bisque applies.

Colleagues who wish to transfer their Bisque to someone else on a particular day, or exchange it so as to be absent on a day other than that to which their Group is assigned, will be able to do so, but the transfer will only be registrable with Mr Austen by the transferor of the Bisque. The transferor will undertake to respond to the Whip on the day in question.

It will be open to the Whips to limit the number of registered Bisques for a particular day, as with pairing arrangements, as circumstances may demand.

The working of the system will be reviewed in the light of experience.

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WEEK BEGINNING

	<u>July 4</u>	<u>July 11</u>	<u>July 18</u>	<u>July 25</u>	<u>Aug 1</u>
Monday	Group 1	2	3	4	5
Tuesday	2	3	4	5	1
Wednesday	3	4	5	1	2
Thursday	4	5	1	2	3
Friday	5	1	2	3	4

- Group 1 R. Adley to J. Critchley
Group 2 D. Crouch to the Rt Hon T. Higgins
Group 3 J. Hill to Sir Patrick Mayhew
Group 4 D. Mellor to C. Shepherd
Group 5 R. Shepherd to the Rt Hon G. Younger