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LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1982-83

It may be helpful if I send you the enclosed list of the Bills in next Session's programme as it stands at present. The list is the same as that annexed to the Home Secretary's Cabinet paper C(82)22, with the addition of Data Protection (as agreed by the Cabinet) and (as a marker) of the National Voluntary Severance Scheme, and the deletion of Further Education (as agreed by the Home and Social Affairs Committee) and of National Savings (which the Treasury no longer wish to proceed with).

I am sending copies of this letter and its enclosure to Tim Flesher (Number 10), John Halliday (Home Office), Michael Pownall (Lord Privy Seal's Office), Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office), George Engle (First Parliamentary Counsel) and Norman Adamson (Lord Advocate's Department).

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LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1982-83

L = suitable for introduction in the House of Lords.

Unless otherwise stated, Royal Assent is not required before the end of July.

ESSENTIAL

1. Mobile Homes (L) Department of the Environment. Instructions have been sent.
2. Water Department of the Environment. (Only the borrowing provisions are essential.) Half the instructions have been sent; the other half are expected in July.
3. International Carriage Bill (L) Department of Transport. Previously known as the Carriage by Railway Bill. Royal Assent highly desirable as soon as possible (though not essential until the end of 1983). May be suitable for Second Reading Committee in Commons. Instructions have been sent.

PROGRAMME

4. Agricultural Marketing (L) Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. This will now be confined to setting up the new Central Marketing Organisation. Instructions have been sent.
5. Museums Etc (L) The Scottish elements have now been dropped, and the Bill will deal with:
 - (a) the Victoria and Albert and the Science Museums (Department of Education and Science);
 - (b) the Royal Botanic Gardens (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food);
 - (c) ancient monuments and historic buildings (Department of the Environment);
 - (d) the Tower Armouries (Department of the Environment).

Royal Assent required by 1 April 1983 (because of the Civil Service savings), so introduction at the start of the Session essential; Ministers agreed that any provisions not drafted by the start of the Session should be omitted. All instructions have been sent.

6. Dock Work Regulation Department of Employment. Instructions have been sent.
7. Electricity and Nuclear Installations Department of Energy. Instructions have been sent on raising the limits of operators' liability under the Nuclear Installations Act 1965 and rationalising some of the electricity and nuclear industries' powers of entry. Instructions on the remaining provisions - to enable private concerns to supply electricity to others as a main business - are expected by the end of July.
8. Housing and Building Control Department of the Environment. Early Royal Assent desirable. Instructions on building control have arrived. Some instructions on housing are still awaited.
9. Commonwealth Development Corporation Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Target date for Royal Assent December 1982. Instructions have been sent.
10. Health and Social Services (L) Department of Health and Social Security. Instructions have been sent.
11. Social Security Department of Health and Social Security. This was to have consisted of the abolition of child dependency additions and the taking of 16 year olds out of Supplementary Benefit. The Lord President has written to the Secretary of State for Social Services about the future of this Bill, in the light of the Government's decision about the 16 year olds.
12. Police and Criminal Procedure Home Office. Instructions on police powers and procedures have been sent. Instructions on the remainder are still awaited.
13. Data Protection (L) Home Office. The Home Secretary, in his letter of 9 June to the Lord President, said that "officials are pressing on with the work, but the earliest that they can realistically hope to send instructions to Counsel is the end of July".
14. Telecommunications Department of Industry and Home Office. Instructions on the wireless telegraphy provisions have been sent from the Home Office. Instructions on competition and privatisation and the Telegraph Acts have been sent from the Department of Industry, who have still to send instructions on "miscellaneous" matters. The Cabinet agreed the Bill's inclusion in the programme on the basis that it would be ready for introduction at the start of the Session.

15. Shipbuilding Industry (Disposals) Department of Industry. Instructions have been sent.
16. Conwy Tunnel Welsh Office. Hybrid. The Secretary of State for Wales will let the Lord President know in the autumn whether he thinks that Second Reading in the Welsh Grand Committee would be appropriate. Instructions have been sent.
17. National Voluntary Severance Scheme Department of Transport. Legislation is needed to implement the announced decision to write down the NVSS debt of £22 million. The necessary provisions could be added to the Transport Finance Bill (number 24) if it materialises. Otherwise some other vehicle may have to be found. Instructions have been sent.

CONTINGENT

18. Agriculture (Levies on Livestock Producers) Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Could become essential either from developments on Newcastle Disease or from discussions with the National Farmers Union on animal health policy.
19. Milk Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Depends on the outcome of a European Court case.
20. Equal Pay Amendment Department of Employment. Depends on the outcome of a European Court case (now decided?).
21. European Communities (Portuguese and Spanish Accession) Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Depends on progress of accession negotiations.
22. Law of the Sea Convention Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Depends on progress on a Law of the Sea Convention being drafted by the UN Law of the Sea Conference.
23. Channel Link Department of Transport. Hybrid: passage would need an entire Session.
24. Transport Finance Department of Transport.

SECOND READING COMMITTEE

25. Plant Varieties and Seeds Act 1964 (Amendment) (L) Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Instructions have been sent.

26. Dental (L) Department of Health and Social Security. Instructions have been sent.
27. Civil Aviation (Eurocontrol) (L) Department of Trade. The Department said originally that the UK should ratify the Protocol by the target date of March 1983, which would mean Royal Assent before 28 February. Instructions have been sent.
28. Registration of Yachts (L) Department of Trade. Instructions have been sent.
29. Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (L) Home Office. Instructions have been sent.
30. Marriage (Invalids and Detained Persons) (L) Home Office and Department of Health and Social Security. Instructions are expected ~~by~~ the end of July. The Minister for Health wrote to the Lord President on 7 July explaining that there were two DHSS components: (a) on housebound invalids and (b) on detained patients. He said that he saw no difficulty about (a) and there was no reason why it should not be ready by October. He had to consult the medical profession about (b); he aimed to reach a decision in time to have (b) in the Bill as introduced and agreed that if that proved impossible the provision would have to be added in the Lords or not at all.
31. Rights of Reverter (L) Lord Chancellor's Department. The Lord Chancellor, in his letter of 28 May to the Lord President, said that he expected to be able to submit a paper to the Home and Social Affairs Committee in June to seek policy approval; and that instructions should be ready before the end of June. But it has been found necessary to conduct a further round of consultations in an effort to find an acceptable policy.
32. Currency and Banking (L) Treasury. Instructions have been sent.
33. Miscellaneous Financial Provisions (L) Treasury. Instructions have been sent.

SCOTTISH

34. Electricity (Financial Provisions) (Scotland) Suitable for Second Reading in the Scottish Grand Committee. The Secretary of State for Scotland envisages no difficulty about it being ready for Legislation Committee in October.

35. Mental Health (Scotland) (L) Suitable for Second Reading in the Scottish Grand Committee. Royal Assent required by the end of March 1983, to enable Civil Service savings to be obtained before 1 April. The Scottish Office originally estimated introduction in December. But the Secretary of State now hopes to introduce in November.

36. Divorce (Jurisdiction) and Legal Aid (Scotland) (L) Suitable for Second Reading in the Scottish Grand Committee. Royal Assent by end of financial year 1982-83 desirable. The Secretary of State envisages no difficulty about it being ready for Legislation Committee in October.

37. Agricultural Holdings (Scotland) (L) Suitable for Second Reading in the Scottish Grand Committee. The Secretary of State suggests that it may be tactically prudent not to introduce this at the start of the Session; but he will try to have it ready for Legislation Committee in October.

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20 July 1982

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GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION

<u>Orders and Regulations</u>	<u>Date Laid</u>	<u>Whether Controversial</u>	<u>Date Required</u>
Coypus (Keeping)	25/10	No	By Xmas
Customs Duties (ECSC)	14/10	No	By 19/11
Customs Duties (ECSC) (No 2)	19/10	No	By 19/11
Employment Sidsidies Act 1978	19/10	No	By 20/12
Films (No 2)	7/7	Yes	A.s.a.p.
Merchant Shipping	18/10	No	By 1/12
Milk (N.I.)	19/10	No	No deadline
Mink (Keeping)	25/10	No	By Xmas
Quarries (N.I.)	19/10	No	No deadline
RSG Supplementary Report (England)	28/7	Yes	A.s.a.p.
Summer Time	18/10	No	By 12/11
Supplementary Benefit	21/10	No	By 22/11
Wages Councils (N.I.)	21/10	No	No deadline

Bills placed upon the Statute Book (45)

Administration of Justice 1982
Agricultural Training Board 1982
Appropriation 1982
Aviation Security 1982
Canada 1982
Civic Government (Scotland) 1982
Civil Aviation 1982
Civil Aviation (Amendment) 1982
Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments 1982
Coal Industry 1982
Consolidated Fund (No 2) 1981
Consolidated Fund 1982
Criminal Justice 1982
Currency 1982
Derelict Land 1982
Duchy of Cornwall Management 1982
Employment 1982
Finance 1982
Fire Service College Board (Abolition) 1982
Harbours (Scotland) 1982
Hops Marketing 1982
Housing (Amendment) (Scotland) 1981
Industrial Development 1982
Industrial Training 1982
Industry 1982
Insurance Companies 1982
Iron and Steel 1982
Legal Aid 1982
Local Government and Planning (Scotland) 1982
Local Government Finance 1982
Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) 1982
Mental Health (Amendment) 1982
Merchant Shipping (Liner Conferences) 1982
New Towns 1982
Northern Ireland 1982
Nuclear Industry (Finance) 1981
Oil and Gas (Enterprise) 1982
Reserve Forces 1982
Shipbuilding 1982
Social Security and Housing Benefits 1982
Social Security (Contributions) 1982

Stock Transfer 1982

Taking of Hostages 1982

Transport 1982

Transport (Finance) 1982

Travel Concessions (London) 1982

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GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION

(i) Committee of Whole House
 ✓ Industrial Development (L)

(ii) Lords Amendments
 Employment
 Transport

(iii) <u>Orders and Regulations</u>	<u>Date Laid</u>	<u>Whether Controversial</u>	<u>Date Required</u>
Customs Duties (ECSC)	14/10	No	By 19/11
Customs Duties (ECSC) (No 2)	19/10	No	By 19/11
Employment Subsidies Act 1978	19/10	No	By 20/12
Films (No 2)	7/7	Yes	A.s.a.p.
Homosexual Offences (N.I.)	14/7	Yes	For debate, 25/10
Merchant Shipping	18/10	No	By 1/12
Milk (N.I.)	19/10	No	No deadline
Planning (Amendment) (N.I.)	7/7	No	For debate, 25/10
Quarries (N.I.)	19/10	No	No deadline
RSG Supplementary Report (England)	28/7	Yes	A.s.a.p.
Summer Time	18/10	No	By 12/11
Supplementary Benefit	21/10	No	By 22/11
Wages Councils (N.I.)	21/10	No	No deadline

Lords

✓ Administration of Justice (L)
 Criminal Justice
 Duchy of Cornwall Management
 ✓ Insurance Companies (L)
 Mental Health (Amendment) (L)

Awaiting Royal Assent

Civic Government (Scotland) (L)
 Legal Aid (L)

✓ Consolidation

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Social Security (Contributions) 1982
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Transport (Finance) 1982
Travel Concessions (London) 1982

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GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION

N Parliament

- (i) Second Reading
 Aviation Security (L)
 Industrial Development (L)
 Insurance Companies (L)
- (ii) Report and Third Reading
 Administration of Justice (L)
 Civic Government (Scotland) (L)
 Duchy of Cornwall Management
 Legal Aid (L)
 Mental Health (Amendment) (L)

(iii) <u>Orders and Regulations</u>	<u>Date Laid</u>	<u>Whether Controversial</u>	<u>Date Required</u>
Benefits and Social Security (6)	8/7	Maybe	For debate, 20/7 and in w.c. 26/7
Child Benefit	29/6	Maybe	For debate, 20/7
*Companies	6/7	No	By summer recess
Family Income Supplements	29/6	Maybe	For debate, 20/7
Films	8/6	Yes	For debate, 21/7
Films (No 2)	7/7	Yes	A.s.a.p.
Homosexual Offences (N.I.)	14/7	Yes	A.s.a.p.
*Housing	6/7	Maybe	By summer recess
Motor Vehicles	23/6	No	No deadline
Northern Ireland Assembly	14/7	Maybe	By P.C. Mtg on 30/7
Nurses	8/7	No	By end of July
Pensioners' Lump Sum Payment	29/6	Maybe	For debate, 20/7
Planning (Amendment) (N.I.)	7/7	No	By summer recess
Report on RSG Reduction (Stirling District) 1982/83	5/7	Yes	For debate, 20/7
Seat Belts	13/7	Yes	For debate, 22/7
Shipbuilding (2)	2/7	No	By summer recess
Sites of Special Scientific Interest	5/7	No	By summer recess
Social Security Benefits	29/6	Maybe	For debate, 20/7
Valuation (Scotland)	6/7	Yes	By summer recess
Wages Councils (N.I.)	20/5	No	No deadline

Lords

Criminal Justice

Derelict Land

Employment

Finance

Local Government and Planning (Scotland)

Merchant Shipping (Liner Conferences)

Northern Ireland

Stock Transfer

Transport

∅ Consolidation

* S.I. Committee

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Agricultural Training Board 1982

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Civil Aviation 1982

Civil Aviation (Amendment) 1982

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GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION

- (i) Second Reading
 Administration of Justice (L)
 Duchy of Cornwall Management
 Iron and Steel (L)
- (ii) Standing Committee
 Civic Government (Scotland) (L)
 Finance
 Legal Aid (L)
- (iii) Special Standing Committee
 Mental Health (Amendment) (L)
- (iv) Report and Third Reading
 Northern Ireland
- (v) Lords Amendments
 Local Government Finance (No 2)
 Local Government (Misc.Prov.)

(vi) <u>Orders and Regulations</u>	<u>Date Laid</u>	<u>Whether Controversial</u>	<u>Date Required</u>
African Development Fund	21/6	No	By 30/7
Agriculture Act 1970	21/5	No	By summer recess
Agricultural Marketing (N.I.)	17/6	No	By summer recess
Appropriation (No 2) (N.I.)	21/6	No	By P.C. Mtg on 30/7
Building Societies	22/6	No	By summer recess
Coal Industry	18/6	No	By 5/7
Excise Duties	8/6	Maybe	By summer recess
Films	8/6	Yes	By 16/7
Funds for Trade Union Ballots	14/6	No	By 6/7
Industrial Development Board (N.I.)	17/6	No	By mid-July
International Fund	21/6	No	By 30/7
Motor Vehicles	23/6	No	No deadline
N.I. Act 1974	8/6	Yes	For debate, 30/6
N.I. (Emergency Provisions)	8/6	Yes	For debate, 30/6
Pool Competitions	17/5	No	By 26/7
Town and Country Planning	15/6	No	By summer recess
Town and Country Planning (Scotland)	16/6	No	By summer recess
Wages Councils (N.I.)	20/5	No	No deadline

Lords

∅ Aviation Security (L)

Civil Jurisdiction and Judgements (L)

Criminal Justice

Derelict Land

Employment

∅ Industrial Development (L)

∅ Insurance Companies (L)

Local Government and Planning (Scotland)

Merchant Shipping (Liner Conferences)

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Taking of Hostages (L)

Transport

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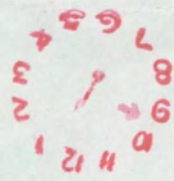
Oil and Gas (Enterprise)

Social Security and Housing Benefits

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GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION

- (i) Second Reading
 Civic Government (Scotland) (L)
 Civil Aviation (L)
 Derelict Land
 Legal Aid (L)
 Merchant Shipping (Liner Conferences)
 Northern Ireland
 Taking of Hostages (L)
- (ii) Standing Committee
 Employment
 Finance
 Industry
 Transport
- (iii) Committee of Whole House
 Finance
- (iv) Special Standing Committee
 Mental Health (Amendment) (L)
- (v) Report and Third Reading
 Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments (L)
 Criminal Justice
 Harbours (Scotland) (L)
 Local Government and Planning (Scotland)
- (vi) Orders and Regulations
- | | <u>Date Laid</u> | <u>Whether Controversial</u> | <u>Date Required</u> |
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| Criminal Evidence (N.I.) | 8/2 | No | No deadline |
| Electricity (Borrowing Powers) (Scotland) | 8/4 | No | A.S.A.P. |
| *Fish Producers' Organisations | 1/4 | No | By 20/5 |
| Hovercraft | 20/4 | No | By 10/5 |
| Land Compensation (N.I.) | 26/1 | No | No deadline |
| *Motor Vehicles | 10/12 | No | No deadline |
| Probation Board (N.I.) | 22/4 | No | By P.C. Mtg on 18/5 |
| Town and Country Planning | 19/4 | No | A.S.A.P. after 6/5 |
| Town and Country Planning (Scotland) | 19/4 | No | A.S.A.P. after 6/5 |
| VAT (Finance) | 31/3 | No | For debate, 28/4 |

Lords

Administration of Justice (L)

Ø Iron and Steel (L)

Local Government Finance (No 2)

Local Government (Misc.Prov.)

Oil and Gas (Enterprise)

Social Security and Housing Benefits

Stock Transfer

Ø Consolidation

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Bills placed upon the Statute Book (18)

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