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Your letter of 23 July to Willie Whitelaw sought agreement to early legislation to amend the 1982 Industrial Training Act to enable Industrial Training Boards to provide training services to overseas nationals abroad.

With my Department's sponsorship responsibility for the non-residential catering trades particularly in mind, I would like to express support for your proposal which would allow the Hotel and Catering Industry Training Boards to continue providing services. I note that the Board has entered into a number of contracts on this basis, and it is obviously desirable that they should be free to accept more as soon as possible.

As you have pointed out, a similar measure affecting the Agricultural Training Board recently passed through Parliament unopposed, and a similarly smooth passage seems probable for a comparable amendment to the Industrial Training Act 1982.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, other members of H Committee, Ministers in charge of other Departments and Sir Robert Armstrong.

Tom King
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