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*From the Private Secretary*

MR. HATFIELD  
Cabinet Office

The Prime Minister has seen Sir Robert Armstrong's submission of 6 September on the composition of H and QL Committees.

The Prime Minister has agreed to Sir Robert Armstrong's proposals, in particular that the Home Secretary should not be a full member of QL and that the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster should join H and QL Committees.

MARK ADDISON

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PRIME MINISTER

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- (i) Mr. Tebbit should join H and QL; and  
 (ii) Mr. Howard should not be a full member of QL?

MIRA 6/9

Agreed  
not

I shall be making comprehensive proposals early next week for changes in Cabinet Committee membership as a result of the recent Ministerial changes. This note concerns the membership of the only two Ministerial Committees expected to meet next week. I seek your approval for the following changes.

Home Affairs Committee (H)

2. No changes are needed here: where the departmental Minister has changed, the new Minister will take his predecessor's place. But I should like to propose the addition of the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster (Mr Tebbit); Mr Tebbit would like to be a member.

Agreed not

Queen's Speeches and Future Legislation Committee (QL)

3. This Committee has the task of trying to strike a balance between the competing demands of departmental Ministers for places on the legislative programme. The full membership therefore consists essentially of Ministers without major legislative or spending responsibilities, who can be expected to have a detached attitude. Other Ministers can of course be invited to attend when their departmental business is under discussion. There is one exception: the Home Secretary has been a member of QL.

4. The Lord President would like to take advantage of this opportunity for reconstruction to take the Home Secretary off the list of full members of QL. He can of course be invited to attend when Home Office-related business requires.

5. The Lord President would like to add the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster (Mr Tebbit) to the full membership of QL; Mr Tebbit would welcome that.

Agreed not



6. The Minister without Portfolio will disappear from the list of members of QL, as of other Committees, there being no longer a Minister so designated.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'R.A.', is positioned above the typed name.

Approved by  
ROBERT ARMSTRONG  
and signed in his absence.

6 September 1985

CONQUEROR