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THE REPORT OF THE FRAUD TRIALS COMMITTEE

Statement by the Lord Chancellor and the Home Secretary

The following statement by the Lord Chancellor and the Home Secretary on the publication of the Report of the Fraud Trials Committee, was issued today:

"The Government heartily welcomes the publication today of the Report of the Roskill Committee on Fraud Trials. Lord Roskill and the members of the Committee are to be congratulated on producing a comprehensive and well reasoned report on this important area of law and procedure. The Committee has made a wide range of recommendations which point the way to major improvements in the conduct of fraud trials.

The Government is committed to stern action against fraud. It is now considering the Report as a matter of urgency. Early action will be taken on the Government's conclusions. Ministers will make a preliminary statement to Parliament next week."

See LCD press notice No 86.6 of 10 January 1986 for a summary of the Fraud Trials Committee Report and its recommendations.

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