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FUTURE LEGISLATION: 1986/87 and 1987/88 SESSIONS

Thank you for your letter of 8th November. I am sorry that I have not been able to reply before now. ^{WILL REQUEST IF NSGOGD}

At present the Defence Secretary wishes to bid for just the one place in the 1986/87 Legislative Programme. This is for a 'Ministry of Defence Police Bill'; details are contained in the attached proforma. At this stage we have no proposals for legislation in the 1987/88 Session.

I am copying this to recipients of yours.

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CATEGORY OF BILL: Contingent (1986/87)

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TITLE AND PURPOSE	DEPT	POLITICAL ASPECTS	LENGTH; PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE; ROYAL ASSENT	FINANCIAL, MANPOWER AND EC ASPECTS	TIMETABLE FOR PREPARATION
<p>MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE</p> <p>To provide proper legal basis for Ministry of Defence Police (MDP), and to codify relevant legislation under which they operate (including the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984)</p>	<p>MOD</p>	<p>Need for legislation is long outstanding; now more critical due to changed threats to MOD establishments. Commons Defence Committee Report on Physical Security of Military Installations in the UK recommended legislation during the present Parliament.</p>	<p><u>Length</u> Short (subject to the effects of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, which is being examined). With a schedule of amendments/ repeals.</p> <p><u>Parliamentary procedure</u> No special procedure</p> <p><u>Royal Assent</u> No specific deadline</p>	<p>None seen at present, but subject to outcome of Departmental review of MDP.</p>	<p><u>Policy</u> Departmental review reported in September 1985.</p> <p>Policy clearance early 1986.</p> <p><u>Public consultation</u> None needed.</p> <p><u>Instructions</u> June 1986</p> <p><u>Introduction</u> Beginning of 1986/87 session</p>

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