



PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE
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Dear Private Secretary

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DEBATE ON THE MOTION ON THE EASTER ADJOURNMENT

This debate has now been provisionally arranged for Wednesday 26 March. This is subject to confirmation nearer the time.

As usual on these occasions, I am writing to all Private Offices to ask for briefing material that the Leader of the House will need when winding up. I attach a list of those topics on which we would welcome a short background note and a line to take. I would be grateful if these could be as brief as possible (maximum of one side of A4 for the background note and half a side for the line to take).

In an attempt to minimize the amount of effort that this exercise usually represents for departments, I have kept the list as short as possible. Whilst I always welcome any further briefing you wish to contribute, I would however ask you to limit your contributions to those subjects which are most likely to be raised.

In keeping with past practice, could you also send me the names and phone numbers of officials who could be contacted should briefing be required in the course of the debate. In view of the shortened list of briefing topics, this list of stand-by briefers will, as you can appreciate, be of considerable importance. I would be grateful if officials could be standing by between 4.00 pm and 8.30 pm on 26 March.

It would be helpful if you could let me have any briefing and your list of contacts by close of play on Monday 24 March at the latest.

Many thanks for your help.

Yours sincerely,

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Parliamentary Clerk

All Departments

MAFF: Opium poppies

MOD: Royal Military School of Music (Kneller Hall)

DES: Teachers' Pay

EMP: Unemployment figures; Wapping dispute - legislative implications

ENERGY Bates Colliery/Colliery review procedure

DOE: Nuclear Waste disposal; Lambeth and Liverpool surcharges

FCO: EC Act; Nicaragua; South Africa; Middle East

DHSS: Severe Weather Payments; Pensions uprating

HO: Shops Bill; Child Brides; Immigration guidelines; Drug trafficking

MPO/OAL: Arts funding post abolition

NIO: Anglo-Irish Agreement

SCOTTISH OFFICE: Forestry Commission

DTI: British Leyland

DTp: Channel Tunnel; Dartford Tunnel

HMT: Effects of oil price fluctuations; JMB