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PRIME MINISTER

1987 Conservative Party Conference

The Chairman has sent you the attached letter on the debates at this year's Party conference. With this he encloses two lists: one (FLAG A) of the likely subjects for debate at the Conference and possible speakers to reply.

Are you happy with this list of debates and speakers?

The second list (FLAG B) is of subject headings and numbers of motions submitted for the Party Conference. There is time at the Conference for one more selected debate and the Chairman wondered if you had a preference for any subject on the list?

Amanda

AMANDA
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I should think

'small business'

or

'drugs'

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARTY
Rt. Hon. Norman Tebbit MP

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D Prime Minister.

I attach a list of subject headings and numbers of motions submitted for the Party Conference together with a list of the likely subjects for debate and speakers to reply.

You indicated that you would wish the debates on economic policy and taxation, and on health and social services, to be consolidated into single debates. In that case, I think it essential that John Moore is given an extended debate and desirable that Nigel should be treated similarly.

I think that with the exception of John Major, all the leading Ministers you would wish to have debates have been catered for.

Last year we had 17 selected debates plus two which were balloted.

This provisional list is of 15 subjects, of which two would be extended giving an effective total of sixteen. The choice of a seventeenth is difficult. The motions on Local Government, on Environment and Planning and Regional Policy are uniformly poor. Transport has some good motions but I am not sure we want a debate which might centre on the proposed British Airways-British Caledonian merger.

Of course any of these subjects might come up in a ballot - and on a motion not of our choosing. I would, however, be grateful for your views. — *The Conference Agenda sub committee meets tomorrow.*

The Prime Minister

LAW AND ORDER

Douglas Hurd

EDUCATION

Ken Baker

RATES AND C.C.

Michael Howard

HEALTH/SOCIAL SERVICES

John Moore

URBAN RENEWAL

David Young

HOUSING

Nick Ridley

TAXATION & ECONOMIC POLICY

Nigel Lawson

E.E.C.

Geoffrey Howe

PARTY POLICY ETC.

Norman Tebbit

DEFENCE

George Younger

TRADE & INDUSTRY

Ken Clarke

FARMING & COUNTRYSIDE

John MacGregor

PRIVATISATION/ENERGY

Cecil Parkinson

EMPLOYMENT

Norman Fowler

TU's & IR

Patrick Nicholls

MOTIONS SUBMITTED FOR 1987 PARTY CONFERENCE

Subject	No. of motions
1 Law & Order	99
2 Education	69
3 Rates & Community Charge	66
4 Health	52
5 Urban Renewal	52
6 Housing & Homes	43
7 Taxation	42
8 Social Services	32
9 EEC	28
10 Local Government	27
11 Party Policy, Organisation & PR	25
12 Defence	21
13 Environment & Planning	20
14 Trade & Industry	20
15 Economic policy	19
16 Farming & Countryside	18
17 Regional Policies	18
18 Transport	17
19 Privatisation	16
20 Employment	15
21 Electoral Law	15
22 Trade Unions and Industrial Relations	13
23 Energy	12
24 Miscellaneous	12
25 Small Business & Self-Employment	11
26 Constitutional Matters	10
27 Overseas Affairs	10
28 Immigration & Race Relations	7
29 Media	7
30 Family Matters	5
31 Drugs & drug abuse	4
32 Tourism	3
33 Northern Ireland	2
34 Animals	2

