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(a) Iraq/Kuwait

You may wish to outline the Government's overall approach and objectives, in advance of the debate in the House of Commons.

The Foreign Secretary is prepared to outline the background to the crisis and to brief colleagues on his assessment of the situation in the light of his visit to the Gulf States.

The Defence Secretary is ready to brief colleagues on the deployment of British forces in the area, and the broader strategic implications.

Others who may wish to contribute to the discussion include:

- the Chancellor of the Exchequer (the economic impact of the crisis);
- the Secretary of State for Energy (the impact on energy prices and resources);
- the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry (sanctions implementation);

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in Australia.

- the ~~Home~~ Secretary (the Iraqi presence in the UK);
- the Secretary of State for Transport (shipping and aviation aspects); and
- the Attorney General (the position in international law).

(b) Other issues

The Foreign Secretary may raise German unification and the Soviet Union.

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