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Dear Roy

**TEN MINUTE RULE BILL FOR WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH**

Thank you for your letter of 19 March setting out your proposals for handling Martin Redmond's Ten Minute Rule Bill on National Health Service Hospitals (Opting Out), which he is seeking leave to introduce on Wednesday 21 March.

I agree that there is no need to oppose the Motion and that, in the event of a division, Ministers should abstain. I also agree that the Bill should be blocked at Second Reading.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, to members of L Committee and to Sir Robin Butler and First Parliamentary Counsel.

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