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Dear David

TEN MINUTE RULE BILL FOR WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL 1990

Thank you for your letter of 10 April setting out your proposals for handling Ken Hargreaves' Ten Minute Rule Bill on National Lotteries which he is seeking leave to introduce on Wednesday 18 April.

I agree that there is no need to intervene and 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 note that you will be writing to Ken Hargreaves explaining the Government's position on the issue, and I am content for you to do so in the terms you describe.

I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, members of L Committee, Douglas Hurd, Chris Patten, Richard Luce and to Sir Robin Butler and First Parliamentary Counsel.

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GEOFFREY HOWE

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