



From the Secretary of State

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Dear Nick,

As promised in my earlier letter of today's date, I now enclose a note which indicates the allocation of responsibilities among Ministers within the Department.

Although each of the Parliamentary Under-Secretaries of State will take the lead in the areas which are specified, Mr Eyre will report generally to Mrs Oppenheim and Mr Tebbitt to Mr Parkinson. This is, of course, an initial allocation and I have no doubt that in due course the Secretary of State will wish to review these responsibilities.

Meanwhile, I hope it is helpful to you and your colleagues. I am therefore sending a copy of this letter and the note to the private secretaries, to members of the Cabinet and to Martin Vile in the Cabinet Office.

*Yours Sincerely,
Tom Harris*

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Private Secretary

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ALLOCATION OF MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE

Secretary of State for Trade and President of the Board of Trade
Rt Hon John Nott MP

Minister for Consumer Affairs

Rt Hon Sally Oppenheim MP

Special responsibility for Consumer Protection and Competition Policy.

Minister for Trade

Cecil Parkinson MP

Special responsibility for Overseas Trade Policy, Commercial Relations and Tariffs; Exports Credits Guarantee Department and the British Overseas Trade Board.

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Trade

Norman Tebbit MP

Special responsibility for Civil Aviation, Marine and Shipping Policy; Newspapers, Films, Publishing, Tourism, Hotel and Travel Industries.

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Trade

Reginald Eyre MP

Special responsibility for Companies and Insurance supervision; Insolvency Service and Patents Office; Distributive and Service Trades.

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