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On 14 June the House of Commons Environment Committee published its report on air pollution. The report was moderate in tone and not unhelpful - particularly in the negotiations on the EC large combustion plants directive. There is much that is positive that can be said in the Government's response.

Subject to colleagues' views, I propose to publish the Government's reply in the form of a White Paper, aiming for the late autumn, and certainly within six months of the report. I shall ensure that colleagues are fully consulted on the terms of the reply.

I am copying this minute to John Wakeham, Peter Brooke, Cecil Parkinson, David Young and to Sir Robin Butler and Bernard Ingham.

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