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Attached is the Lord Privy Seal's memorandum for QL Committee on the legislative programme for the next Session. The Policy Unit have asked me to draw your attention to a number of points. In particular, they are worried that if QL accepts the Lord Privy Seal's recommendation (paragraph 18 of the paper), there will be no place in the programme for major privatisation legislation on airports, the National Bus Company and the gas industry. They would also like assured tendencies to be in the programme (see paragraph 17 of the Lord Privy Seal's minute). David Pascall has commented, in addition, on the MAFF proposal for an Abolition Bill.

QL is meeting on Tuesday and the Lord President is coming in on Wednesday to talk about the Committee's preliminary conclusions. The meeting with Lord Whitelaw will provide an opportunity to raise the points made by the Policy Unit or any other points.

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