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PRIME MINISTER

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMME 1985/86

When Cabinet discussed the legislative programme for 1984/85 on 1 March, we agreed that four places should be given to Bills in the 1985/86 programme. Cabinet chose Trustee Savings Banks and Rents, but delegated to QL the task of choosing the other two. QL subsequently asked colleagues for further bids and has now discussed these and reached conclusions.

We considered seven candidates. They were:

Petroleum	Department of Energy
Living Animals (Scientific Procedures)	Home Office
Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions)	Northern Ireland
Salmon Fisheries (Scotland)	Scottish Office
Financial Services	Department of Trade and Industry
Building Societies	Treasury
Crown Agents	Foreign and Commonwealth Office

We were looking for Bills which clearly merited inclusion in the main programme for 1985/86 and would benefit from being awarded a firm place now rather than next March. In the light of these criteria we concluded that Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions), Living Animals (Scientific Procedures) and Crown Agents were not sufficiently large or complex to gain maximum advantage from being granted a place now. Petroleum and Salmon Fisheries (Scotland) certainly fell within the criteria, but on balance we judged that the benefits to be gained from awarding the places to Financial Services and Building Societies were greater. We accordingly chose these two to complete the quartet for 1985/86.

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I must stress that the fact that we did not choose any of the others is no reflection on the attitude which will be taken to them when they come before the Committee in the normal way at the beginning of next year. We were looking exclusively for Bills which would benefit from a particularly long lead time. All I would say about the others at this stage, is that when the Committee does look at all the bids for the 1985/86 programme, we shall as usual be influenced to some extent by the degree of preparation which has already taken place. Those Bills which are well advanced in terms of policy formulation will obviously have a better chance, all other things being equal, than those which are not.

I should mention one other point which QL discussed. This was the request contained in Patrick Jenkin's letter to me of 19 April that his Rents Bill (already selected by Cabinet for the 1985/86 Session) should be extended to include a number of major initiatives in the Housing field. Although we were sympathetic to what Patrick was trying to achieve, we did not feel that this was the right time to make such a decision. Accordingly, we felt that this decision should be deferred until the full exercise takes place at the beginning of next year. In the meantime I am sure that Patrick will continue to pursue the policy aspects of what he has proposed, go as far as he can with the preparation of instructions and put in a bid in the main exercise so that we can consider his bid then in the context of all the bids for the 1985/86 programme.

I am sending copies of this minute to all members of Cabinet and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

10 May 1984

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14 May, 1984

This is just to record that the Prime Minister has seen and noted the decisions taken by QL Committee about the Legislative Programme for 1985/86.

(Timothy Flesher)

Miss J. Lewis-Jones
Lord President's Office.

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Position at Friday 15th June 1984

GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION

COMMONS PRIMARY

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|------|---|---------------------------------------|
| i. | <u>Second Reading Committee</u> | |
| ii. | <u>Awaiting Second Reading on the Floor</u> | |
| iii. | <u>Standing Committee</u> | <u>Start Date</u> |
| | Animal Health and Welfare (Lords) | 12 June |
| | Finance (No.2) (part) | 8 May |
| | Cable and Broadcasting (Lords) | 22 May |
| iv. | <u>Awaiting Committee on the Floor</u> | |
| | Roads (Scotland) (Lords) | 20 June (Money plus remaining stages) |
| v. | <u>Awaiting Report and/or Third Reading</u> | |
| | Housing Defects | 21 June |
| | Repatriation of Prisoners | |
| vi. | <u>Consideration of Lords Amendments</u> | |
| | Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland) | 20 June |
| | Rates | 25 June |
| | London Regional Transport | 25 June |
| vii. | <u>Consideration of Lords Messages</u> | |

COMMONS SECONDARY LEGISLATION

i) Affirmative Orders

TITLE	DATE REQUIRED BY	FLOOR/COMMITTEE DATE OF DEBATE
Draft Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation) Order 1984		Committee* Wed 13 June
Draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 1984		Committee * Wed 13 June
Draft Pool Competitions Act (Continuance) Order 1984		Committee Wed 20 June
Draft Industrial Training (Northern Ireland) Order 1984		Floor
Value Added Tax (Special Provisions)(Amendment)(No.2) Order 1984		Committee Wed 20 June
Draft University of Ulster (Northern Ireland) Order 1984		Floor
Draft Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1984		Floor
Draft British Shipbuilders Borrowing Powers (Increase of Limit) Order 1984		Floor
Draft Northern Ireland Act 1974 (Interim Period Extension) Order 1984		Floor
Draft Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Act 1978 (Continuance) Order 1984		Floor

*Awaiting referral to
the floor

COMMONS SECONDARY LEGISLATION

ii. Negative

EDM	TITLE	PARTY PRAYING	EXPIRY OF PRAYING TIME	COMMITTEE/FLOOR DATE FOR DEBATE
813	Control of Harbour Development (Revocation) Order 1984	Lab	[revoke]	Floor 19 June
749	Landlord and Tenant (S.I. 1984, No 501)	Lab	8 June	Committee Wed 20 June

.iii. Not subject to Parliamentary scrutiny

Export of Goods (Control) (Amendment No.6) Order 1984	Libs	-	Committee
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COMMONS (EC DOCUMENTS) - debate pending

TITLE

COMMITTEE/FLOOR
DATE OF DEBATE

Nuclear energy issues in the
European Community

Committee
Wed 13 June*

Integrated Mediterranean
Programmes

Committee
Tues 19 June

Containers of liquids for
human consumption

Committee
(Wed 19 June?)

Fisheries: (any round up action
consequent on the loss of the
debate announced for 23 May 84)

C.A.P. (representations likely
to be made on the need for a
debate)

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Wanted 20/6/84

*awaiting referral to
the floor

LORDS PRIMARY

Foster Children (Scotland)(L)

Rating and Valuation (Amendment) (Scotland)

Trade Union

Health and Social Security

Police and Criminal Evidence

Capital Transfer Tax (L) (Consolidation)

Local Government (Interim Provisions)

Ordnance Factories and Military Services

Co-operative Development Agency and Industrial Development

Parliamentary Pensions

Third Readings planned for week beginning Monday 18 June

London Regional Transport

Rates

Third Readings planned for week beginning Monday 25 June

Consideration of Commons Amendments

Consideration of Commons Messages

Housing and Building Control

GOVERNMENT PRIMARY LEGISLATION

i. Awaiting Royal Assent

Public Health (Control of Disease) Bill(Lords)
Registered Homes(Lords)
Dentists (Lords)
County Courts (Lords)
Agricultural Holdings(Lords)
Data Protection(Lords)
Inshore Fishing (Scotland)(Lords)
Matrimonial and Family Proceedings (Lords)
Road Traffic Regulation (Lords)
Mental Health (Scotland)(Lords)
Food (Lords)
Somerset House (Lords)

ii. Received Royal Assent

TITLE	DATE
Car Tax (Lords)	26/7/83
Companies (Beneficial Interests)	26/7/83
Consolidated Fund (Appropriation)	26/7/83
Finance	26/7/83
International Monetary Arrangements	26/7/83
Local Authorities (Expenditure Powers)	26/7/83
Medical	26/7/83
Value Added Tax	26/7/83
Oil Taxation	1/12/83
British Shipbuilders (Borrowing Powers)	21/12/83
Coal Industry	21/12/83
Consolidated Fund	21/12/83
Petroleum Royalties (Relief)	21/12/83
Consolidated Fund Act	13/3/84
Restrictive Trade practices (Stock Exchange)	13/3/84
Occupiers Liability	13/3/84
Tourism (Overseas Promotion)(Scotland)	13/3/84
Merchant Shipping	13/3/84
Education (Amendment)(Scotland)	13/3/84
Pensions Commutation	13/3/84
Prevention of Terrorism	22/3/84
Education (Grants and Awards)	12/4/84
Town and Country Planning	12/4/84
Telecommunications	12/4/84
Foreign Limitation Periods (Lords)	24/5/84
Fosdyke Bridge (Lords)	24/5/84

GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION

COMMONS PRIMARY

- i. Second Reading Committee
 Repatriation of Prisoners (Lords) 16 May
 Roads (Scotland) (Lords) (S.G.C)
- ii. Awaiting Second Reading on the Floor
 Education (Amendment)(Scotland)(Lords)
 Animal Health and Welfare (Lords)
 Cable and Broadcasting (Lords) 8 May
 Mental Health (Scotland)(Lords)(Consolidation)
 Public Health (Control of Diseases)(Lords)
 County Courts (Lords)(Consolidation)
 Registered Homes Bill (Lords)(Consolidation)
 Dentists (Lords) (Consolidation)
- iii. Standing Committee Start Date
 Matrimonial and Family Proceedings (Lords) (Special
 procedure completed) 5 April
 Agricultural Holdings
 Inshore Fishing (Scotland)(Lords) 26 April
 Finance (No.2) (part) 8 May
 Housing Defects 10 May
- iv. Awaiting Committee on the Floor
- v. Awaiting Report and Third Reading
 Somerset House (Lords)
 Foreign Limitation Periods (Lords)
 Fosdyke Bridge (Lords) (Hybridity procedure completed)
 Police and Criminal Evidence 14 May
 Co-operation Development Agency and Industrial Development
 Agricultural Holdings (Lords)
 Data Protection (Lords)
 Ordnance Factories and Military Services
 Local Government (Interim Provisions)
- vi. Consideration of Lords Amendments
 Tenants' Rights, etc (Scotland) Amendment)
- vii. Consideration of Lords Messages
 Housing and Building Control

COMMONS SECONDARY LEGISLATION

i) Affirmative Orders

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Fines and Penalties (Northern Ireland) Order 1984	Friday 18 May	Floor Thursday 15 May
Agricultural (Miscellaneous Provisions)(Northern Ireland) Order 1984*	Friday 18 May	Floor Thursday 15 May
Agricultural and Horticulture Grant (Variation)Scheme 1984		
Draft Stock Exchange (Listing) Regulations 1984	Early June	Committee Wednesday 16 May
Value Added Tax (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Order 1984	A.S.A.P.	Committee Tuesday 22 May
Draft Employment Subsidies Act 1978 (Renewal) (Great Britain) Order 1984		
Draft Appropriation (No.2) (Northern Ireland) Order 1984		
Draft Job Release Act 1977 (Continuation) Order 1984		

COMMONS SECONDARY LEGISLATION

ii. Negative

EDM	TITLE	PARTY PRAYING	EXPIRY OF PRAYING TIME	CTTE/FLOOR DATE FOR DEBATE
690	Social Security (Adjudication) Regulations 1984 (S.I. 1984, No. 451)	LAB	22 May	Floor Monday 14 May
717	Agriculture and Horticulture Development (Amendment)	Lab	"	Committee
718	Farm and Horticulture Development (Amendment) Regulations 1984	Lab	"	Committee
720	Control of Harbour Development (Revocation) Order 1984	Lab	"	Floor
721	Meat (Sterilisation and Staining) (Amendment) Regulations 1984	Lab	"	Committee

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Rates

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London Regional Transport

Trade Union

Health and Social Security

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Third Readings planned for week beginning Monday 21 May

Consideration of Commons Messages

COMMENTS (EC DOCUMENTS)

(Early debates on EC documents on the Floor or in Committee)

TITLE	DOCUMENT Nos.	Debate needed by	Committee/Floor Date of debate
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GOVERNMENT PRIMARY LEGISLATION

1. Awaiting Royal Assent

DATE

Agreed to by Lords

ii. Received Royal Assent

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