

PRIME MINISTER

I understand that you are discussing the Nationalised Industries Bill at E(NI) on Friday. I thought that, as background to your discussions, you should be aware of the need for urgency in finalising the content of the Bill.

As you know, next Session is a heavy one and the key to success is to get a good number of Bills off to a flying start at the beginning of the Session. The number of cases where this is looking unlikely is growing and I would not like another to be added. The original intention for this Bill was for instructions to be sent to Counsel by mid-May. I understand why this has not proved possible, but I am concerned that there should be no further delay as a result of a prolonged period of policy consideration or of consultation. It is important, as the Chief Secretary's memorandum makes clear, for this Bill to be ready for introduction at the beginning of the Session. I very much hope that we can achieve that.

I am sending copies of this minute to the members of E(NI), the Lord Privy Seal and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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