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Dear Private Secretary

LEGISLATION IN THE 1984/85 SESSION

I am writing to give you advance notice that the process of putting together a Government legislative programme for the following Session will start rather earlier this year than has been the practice in the past. We intend to write formally early in November requesting by mid-December details of Departmental bids for places in the 1984/85 programme. We will simultaneously be asking Departments to identify subjects on which Bills might be offered to Private Members successful in next Session's ballot - the aim being to reduce congestion of drafting and other preparatory work at the beginning of that Session.

I am sending this letter to the Private Secretaries to all Ministers responsible for Departments and copying it to Janet Lewis-Jones (Lord President's Office), David Heyhoe (Lord Privy Seal's Office), Murdo Maclean (Chief Whip's Office), David Beamish (Lord Chief Whip's Office), Brian Shillito (First Parliamentary Counsel's Office) and Fiona Rodger (Office of the First Parliamentary Draftsman for Scotland).

Yours sincerely

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