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PRIVATE MEMBERS BILLS

1. Sexual Offences Bill

The Home Secretary has virtually reached agreement with Janet Fookes on the contents of the Sexual Offences Bill which she is to sponsor.

The main provisions are:

- (i) Three new offences to tackle "kerb-crawling".
- (ii) An increase in the maximum penalty for attempted rape from 7 years to life imprisonment.

2. Intoxicating Substances (Supply) Bill

Mr. Neville Trotter will sponsor the Intoxicating Substances (Supply) Bill. The Bill would make it an offence in certain circumstances to supply young people with substances which are likely to be misused. The offence would arise only if the prosecution could prove that the supplier knew, or had reasonable grounds for believing, that the substance was likely to be inhaled.

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