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Extract from a speech by Mr Kenneth Baker MP (City Of Westminster, St Marylebone), Minister of State for Industry and Information Technology, setting out the Government policy for cable and the early issue of interim cable licences after the General Election, at a House of Commons seminar.

CABLE WILL GO AHEAD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER ELECTION, SAYS KENNETH BAKER

"We must avoid delay in cabling Britain if British industry is to benefit", he stated. "Cabling means more jobs in Britain. Early in the next Parliament, we will introduce legislation setting up a Cable Authority.

"During the Election period we cannot issue the 10-12 interim licences covering 100,000 homes as outlined in the White Paper. After we have won the election we intend, with Parliament's approval, to issue these licenses as soon as possible and ease the controls on existing cable operators. In this way the momentum for the cabling of Britain will be maintained."

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