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WORK DONE BY GOVERNMENT SINCE ELECTION

In 7 weeks between Election and Recess the Government took the following major actions:

- /- Cabinet and Government reformed;
- Queen's Speech;
- dozen Government Bills either introduced or re-introduced and roughly half of these enacted, including Finance Bill;
- / good deal won for Britain at European Council, Stuttgart;
 - action taken to bring public expenditure back in line with published plans.

Other issues dealt with were:

- capital punishment;
 - Ministers and MPs' pay and top salaries;
- consultative document issued on new trade union legislation (followed last month by consultation with TUC);
 - London Transport reform;
 - Stock Exchange reform;
 - Defence White Paper;
 - New steel production quota agreed in EC;
 - Video nasties control facilitated;
 - Gibraltar dockyard and economic aid agreement;
 - Anglo/Irish Encounter organisation announced;
 Hong Kong talks continued.

Evidence of businesslike and determined Government following immediately upon re-election.

OTHER ACTION TAKEN SINCE ELECTION

Prime Minister/Government

Visits to Holland, British Forces Germany, Canada, USA (meetings with Lubbers, Kohl, Trudeau, Reagan).

Science & Technology Seminar (now being followed up).

Annual Public Expenditure review nearing completion.

EC Budget reform pursued.

Treasury

BP shares sale.

Fiscal changes in North Sea developments taxation.

/ 3% pay factor announced.

White Paper on financial management of Government Departments.

Measures on offshore and overseas funds - closing loopholes.

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Review of crime and punishment (measures announced at conference).

Applications invited for pilot Cable TV projects (37 received).

DBS contract for IBA.

FCO

Successful conclusion to CSCE, Madrid.

Defence agreement with Brunei.

Independence for or kitto-Nevis.

Defence

Large order for Sea King helicopters for India.

Initiative to help small firms win defence contracts.

Employment

YTS underway in September (including MOD).

Enterprise Allowance Scheme goes national, August.

Extension of technical and vocational initiative from 12 to 60 local authorities.

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Environment

White Paper on Reform of GLC and Metropolitan Counties.

White Paper on Rates (also Scottish Office White Paper).

Reconstruction of water supply industry.

Consultation on guidance on planning re green belt.

New safety guidance on asbestos in buildings.

Transport

White Paper on Roads.

Consultative paper on planning functions after abolition of GLC and Metropolitan Counties.

New regulations to prevent oil pollution at sea.

Regulations against noisy motorcycles.

National Road Safety Campaign launched.

DUSS

Value for money in NHS being sought by:

- setting manpower targets.
- requiring health authorities to seek competitive tenders for cleaning, laundry services.
- providing comparative information on use of resources.

Pay Review body for nurses and other professions.

£25m reduction in drug bill (as part of economies).

Conference on Occupational Pensions.

DTI

Measures to facilitate introduction of cellular radio - mobile phones.

Energy

Inauguration of Magnus oilfield.

Go ahead for development of 4 North Sea oil and gas fields.

MPO/Arts

Go ahead for Theatre Museum.

Priestley Report on Royal Opera House and RSC published.

Northern Ireland

Anglo-Irish agreement on supply of natural gas from Kinsale.

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