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DOMESTIC BUSINESS REQUIRING EARLY CONSIDERATION BY INCOMING  
LABOUR GOVERNMENT

A: ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION IN APRIL

<u>Ministerial Committee</u>	<u>Timing</u>	<u>Issue</u>
CABINET	April	<del>The Queen's Speech and the legislative programme</del>
"	April	<del>Local government finance in 1992/93 and 1993/94</del>
"	April <del>Transport</del>	The Budget and the national recovery programme including: pensions, benefits, and national insurance changes; changes to support for business and industry, and release of local authority capital receipts; health service, training, education and childcare funding; and rolling stock investment
Economic and Domestic Policy (EDP)	April	<del>Changes in national health service management</del>
MISC 1	April	<del>Scottish devolution (to then be further considered in MISC 2)</del>
Home and Social Affairs (EDH)	April	<del>Policy on refugees and asylum seekers</del>
Business and Consumer Affairs (EDB)	April <del>Transport</del>	Contracts for the Jubilee Line extension (contingent on £400 million contribution from Olympia and York)
Civil Service Pay (EDC)	April	<del>Current civil service pay negotiations</del>

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The Environment  
(EDE)

April

Education: Education Standards  
Commission? [General  
Teaching Council]  
Will need legislation in first session on  
all these issues, inc. school organisational forms  
Policy on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions,  
and other issues to be  
settled before the UNCED  
Conference in June

MISC 4

April

Proposals for a Freedom of  
information Act

B: ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION IN MAY/JUNE

Ministerial  
Committee

Timing

Issue

CABINET

✓ June ~~Teaching~~

Strategy for the public  
expenditure survey

Economic and  
Domestic  
Policy (EDP)

✓ May/June ~~Emp~~

Implementation of the  
national minimum wage

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✓ May/June ~~Emp~~

Trade Union and employment  
law; including GCHQ

✓ May/June ~~Emp~~

Social Chapter

Home and  
Social  
Affairs  
(EDH)

✓ May/June ~~DES~~

School organisational  
reforms; including returning  
GM schools and CTCs to local  
authority control; inc. it plus + ARS etc.

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✓ May/June ~~DES~~

Student support

Policy on FE colleges

Business and  
Consumer  
Affairs (EDB)

May

Response to Select Committee  
report into occupational  
pension schemes following the  
Maxwell affair

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✓ May/June ~~DES~~

Return of Water Industry to  
public control

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✓ May/June ~~Energy~~

Control of the National Grid

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✓ June ~~Transport~~

Consideration of London  
Underground's draft 10 year  
strategy (C)

The Environment  
(EDE)

✓ May ~~MAFF/DES~~

Policy on commercial whaling,  
in advance of the June

conference of the  
International Whaling  
Commission in Glasgow

Local Government (EDL)	May	Further work on new grant scheme for local authorities, and on non-domestic rates, following Cabinet
"	June	Basis of consultation on new general purpose authorities to replace District and County Councils
"	June	Future of County Hall
MISC 2	May	Further work on Scottish devolution following MISC 1
MISC 3	May/June	Further work on implementation of fair rates scheme following Cabinet

C: OTHER ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION BEFORE SUMMER RECESS

Economic and Domestic Policy (EDP)	June/July	Preparation of the National Economic Assessment, and consideration of measures for curbing inflation by managing credit and stopping excessive price increases
"	June/July	Further measures to revive the housing market (not in Budget)
"	June/July	Investment in British Rail and other public transport investment; including the use of private capital
"	June/July	fair rates scheme: MISC 3 proposals
"	July	Equality in state pensions; implementation of flexible decade of retirement
MISC 1	July	Welsh and English devolution

*Treasury  
not sure this  
will need to  
go to Cabinet C'hee  
Don't want to speculate.*

*Needs all  
to be taken as  
part of National  
Recovery Programme*

*Transport*

Home and Social Affairs (EDH)	June/July	<del>Repeal of Prevention of Terrorism Act</del>
"	June/July	<del>Freedom of information: MISC 4 proposals</del>
"	June/July	<del>Sex Equality</del>
"	June/July	<del>Concentration of media ownership</del>
"	June/July	<del>Childcare</del> <i>nursery schooling.</i>
"	June/July	<del>School curriculum and examination reforms</del>
"	June/July	<del>Homelessness</del>
"	June/July	<del>Policy for the Welsh Language Act</del>
Business and Consumer Affairs (EDB)	June/July	<del>Energy</del> National energy policy
"	June/July	<del>Establishment of a National Investment Bank, Regional Development Agencies in England, [British Technology Enterprise, and Technology Trusts]</del> <i>not clear this is a major issue.</i>
"	June/July	<del>Review of the roads programme</del>
Public Sector Pay (EDB(P))	June/July	<del>Policy on pay for the annual round beginning in the autumn</del>
The Environment (EDE)	June/July	<del>Establishment of Energy Efficiency Agency and Renewable Energy Agency</del>
Local Government (EDL)	June/July	<del>Responsibilities of the Greater London Authority, and a timetable for setting it up</del>
"	June/July	<del>Replacement of the Audit Commission with a Quality Commission, and implementation</del>



of customer contracts for  
local authority services  
(unless taken in MISC 5)

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June/July

Local government support  
settlement for 1993/94

DTT June/July Consumer Protection  
Commission + regulation  
of utilities.

Other  
DOE  
issues, but  
not priority

- Waste strategy
- Environment Agency
- Ozone reduction
- Genetically modified organisms.