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PROVISIONAL LIST OF DOMESTIC BUSINESS REQUIRING EARLY COLLECTIVE
CONSIDERATION BY INCOMING LABOUR GOVERNMENT

(* denotes possible correspondence item)

A: URGENT ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION IN APRIL

<u>Ministerial Committee</u>	<u>Timing</u>	<u>Issue</u>
CABINET	April	The Queen's Speech
"	April	The legislative programme
"	April	Local government finance in 1992/93 and 1993/94
"	April	The Budget and the national recovery programme
Business and Consumer Affairs (EDB)	April	* Contracts for the Jubilee Line extension (contingent on £400 million contribution from Olympia and York)
Civil Service Pay (EDC)	April	Current civil service pay negotiations
The Environment (EDE)	April	Policy on CO ₂ emissions, and other issues to be settled before the UNCED Conference in June
Home and Social Affairs (EDH)	April	Policy on refugees and asylum seekers
Local Government (EDL)	April	local authority finance (discussion may be required, following Cabinet, to consider detailed proposals on policy aspects requiring early legislation - see also May)

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Economic and Domestic Policy (EDP)	April/May	Strategy for national health service management (detailed policy for next session legislation to be settled in EDH - below)
QFL	April	The Queen's Speech and legislative programme (series of meetings)
MISC 1	April	Scottish devolution
MISC 4	April	Proposals for a Freedom of information Act

B: ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION IN MAY

Business and Consumer Affairs (EDB)	May	Return of water industry to public control
"	May	Control of the National Grid
"	May	* Consumer Protection Commission and legislation on utility regulation
"	May	* Proposals for legislation on use of private capital by British Rail; and for other public transport investment
"	May	* Response to Select Committee report into occupational pension schemes following the Maxwell affair
The Environment (EDE)	May	Policy on commercial whaling, in advance of the June conference of the International Whaling Commission in Glasgow
"	May	* Proposals for legislation to establish the Environment Protection Executive

Home and Social Affairs (EDH)	May	* Proposals for education legislation (extension of nursery education; creation of Education Standards Commission and General Teaching Council; integration of GM schools and CTCs in LEAs; end of 11+ and assisted places)
"	May	* Leasehold reform
"	May	Proposals for Health Service and community care legislation
"	May	Policy for the Welsh Language legislation
Local Government (EDL)	May	Further work on new grant scheme for local authorities and on non-domestic rates
"	May	* Future of County Hall
Economic and Domestic Policy (EDP)	May	Trade Union and employment law; including GCHQ
"	May/June	Implementation of the national minimum wage
LG	May	Bills for early introduction (series of meetings)
MISC 2	May	Further work on Scottish devolution following MISC 1
MISC 3	May/June	Further work on fair rates scheme

C: ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION IN JUNE

CABINET	June	Strategy for the public expenditure survey
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Business and Consumer Affairs (EDB)	June	Establishment of a National Investment Bank, Regional Development Agencies in England, British Technology Enterprise, and Technology Trusts
"	June	* Concentration of media ownership
"	June	* Consideration of London Underground's draft 10 year strategy
Home and Social Affairs (EDH)	June	Student support
"	June	Replacement of Prevention of Terrorism Act
"	June	Freedom of information: MISC 4 proposals
"	June	Sex Equality Bill
Local Government (EDL)	June	Basis of consultation on new general purpose authorities to replace District and County Councils; proposals for council elections

D: OTHER ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION BEFORE SUMMER RECESS

Business and Consumer Affairs (EDB)	June/July	National energy policy
"	June/July	Consumer's Charter for health and safety standards
"	June/July	* Employers' obligation to train their workforce
"	June/July	* Reform of Milk Marketing Board
"	June/July	* Control of fishing effort and decommissioning
"	July/Sept	* Review of the roads programme

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Public Sector Pay (EDB(P))	June/July	Policy on pay for the annual round beginning in the autumn
Home and Social Affairs (EDH)	June/July	School curriculum and examination reforms
"	June/July	Homelessness
Local Government (EDL)	June/July	Responsibilities of the Greater London Authority, and a timetable for setting it up
"	June/July	Local government finance settlement for 1993/94
"	June/July	* Replacement of the Audit Commission with a Quality Commission, and implementation of customer contracts for local authority services
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	fair rates scheme: MISC 3 proposals
"	July/Sept	Equality in state pensions; implementation of flexible decade of retirement
Science and Technology (EDS)	June/July	National strategy for promoting science and technology
MISC 1	July	Welsh and English devolution