

**RESTRICTED - POLICY**

The Government <sup>are</sup> is determined to have a Parliament building worthy of the new century and ready to provide working conditions which will encourage efficient and accessible government. It is for that reason that a number of possible sites in Edinburgh, including the old Royal High School, are being considered.

**NEXT STEPS**

The people of Scotland will make their historic choice in the Referendum on 11 September. It will be their judgement on the White Paper that matters. The signs suggest that they will endorse these proposals and as soon as possible following that Referendum result, the legislation to establish a Scottish Parliament will be introduced. Once that legislation has been enacted, we can look forward to elections in the first half of 1999. The Government's target is to have the Scottish Parliament fully operational on 1 January in the year 2000. That indeed will be a new Parliament for the new Millennium.

**CONCLUSION**

Now is the time for Scotland to choose. Twelve weeks ago Labour were elected on a promise to deliver a Parliament for Scotland. This White Paper fulfils that promise. We have delivered. All the