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Business of the House

ANTONY KERSHAW (Conservative, Stroud): Has my right hon. Friend seen early-day motion 807, dealing with the position of overseas students from Hong Kong?

(That having regard to the mutually beneficial relation him between Hong Kong and this country, this House calls on Her Majesty's Government to rectify the anomaly by which students from Hong Kong and other British dependent territories are obliged to pay full fees at British universities whilst students from the European Economic Community and French dependent territories are subsidised by the British taxpayer.)

As nothing much seems to be happening on Monday, can the debate take place on that day?

RT. HON. ST. JOHN-STEVAS (Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster): I have seen the motion - (Interruption.) I have seen it only recently, but I have certainly seen it. The relationship between this country and the Crown colony of Hong Kong is a special one. The Government are glad to welcome Hong Kong students to our academic institutions. I shall look again at the business for Monday to see whether my hon. Friend's motion can be added.