Briefing your Capital on the new Government and Parliament in the UK and likely opportunities and threats to your nation’s agenda.

This seminar (part of a new offering by our Diplomatic Academy) is aimed at the diplomatic community in London; it will help you to brief your national capital on key political and policy developments since the May general election in the UK. The discussion and our handouts (provided electronically on word format) will provide analysis that should help you to form a view on how best, and with whom, to engage in UK politics to further your nation’s agenda.

AGENDA

09.30 Continental breakfast is served

10.00 Chair’s welcome

10.05 - Discussion

- An overview of the new Conservative Government – a look at key ministers, why were they appointed, what is their likely policy agenda, where does their power base lay, and where may there be political trouble ahead?
- A look at the structure of the centre of the government machine – how is policy co-ordinated across government? How will key decisions be made? Who are the key players making the decisions and who are the people advising them behind the scenes?
- Government in Parliament – how will the government’s business managers engage and negotiate with the other parties, including the Scottish Nationalist Party (SNP) (now the third party in Parliament), backbenchers and the Speaker? What is the balance of power?
- Key players in Parliament – who are the new MPs to look out for? What will the new batch of select committees look like and what are they likely to look at? Who are the ‘usual channels’ and what positions might they take?

11.30 - Break

- The Power of the House of Lords – with the government in a clear minority in the Lords and the Liberal democrats still having a strong presence how will the second chamber flex its muscles and what is the likely result for the government?
- Legislation in the session – following from the Queen’s Speech and introduction of bills, where are compromises likely to be made and where will key votes take place?
- The Chancellor’s emergency Budget on 8th July – what is likely to be in it and how will this shape the coming Parliament?
- Parliamentary reform – what are the likely changes to Parliament, how will these happen and when?

12.30 – Close
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