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State funeral arrangements for HM Queen Elizabeth II

D-Day + 1
The royal family will announce plans for the Queen's funeral, which is expected to **be held 10 days following her death.**

The prime minister will hold an audience with the new king, and at 6 p.m., King Charles will deliver a broadcast to the nation.

At the same time, there will be a service of remembrance at St. Paul's Cathedral in the heart of London. The prime minister and a small number of senior ministers will attend. The service is planned to appear "spontaneous," according to official documents seen.

D-Day+2
The Queen's coffin will return to Buckingham Palace.

As she died in Scotland, Operation UNICORN has been activated, meaning her body will be carried down to London by royal train if possible. If not, Operation OVERSTUDY will be triggered, meaning the coffin will be transferred by plane. The PM and ministers will attend a reception to welcome the coffin.

Proclamations will be read in the devolved administrations. Tributes are likely to continue in parliament.

D-Day+3
In the morning, King Charles will receive the motion of condolence at Westminster Hall.

In the afternoon, he will embark on a tour of the United Kingdom, starting with a visit to the Scottish parliament and a service at St. Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh.

D-Day+4
King Charles will arrive in Northern Ireland, where he'll receive another motion of condolence at Hillsborough Castle and attend a service at St. Anne's Cathedral in Belfast.

A rehearsal will take place for Operation LION, the procession of the coffin from Buckingham Palace to the Palace of Westminster.

D-Day+5

The procession from Buckingham Palace to the Palace of Westminster will take place along a ceremonial route through London. There will be a service in Westminster Hall following the coffin's arrival.

D-Day+6 to D-Day+9
The Queen will lie in state at the Palace of Westminster for three days, in an operation codenamed FEATHER. Her coffin will lie on a raised box known as a catafalque in the middle of Westminster Hall, which will be open to the public for 23 hours per day. Tickets will be issued for VIPs so they can have a time slot.

On D-Day+6, a rehearsal will take place for the state funeral procession.

On **D-Day+7**, King Charles will travel to Wales to receive another motion of condolence at the Welsh parliament and attend a service at Liandaff Cathedral in Cardiff.

This period will see government departments absorbed in an immense amount of preparation for the funeral. Documents show that, while the government overall believes it has capacity to successfully deliver the funeral, the work required will be huge, and specific concerns have been raised about potential challenges.

The departments facing the greatest difficulty are the Foreign Office, the Home Office and the Department for Transport.

The Foreign Office is tasked with arranging the arrivals of heads of state and VIPs from abroad.

The Home Office is responsible for security arrangements, and the government's National Security Secretariat and intelligence services will be on high alert for any increased terror threat.

The Department for Transport has raised concerns that the number of people who may want to travel to London could cause major problems for the transport network, and lead to overcrowding in the capital.

In a striking assessment of the scenes that could unfold, one memo warns of a worst-case scenario in which London literally becomes "full" for the first time ever as potentially hundreds of thousands of people try to make their way there — with accommodation, roads, public transport, food, policing, healthcare and basic services stretched to breaking point. Concerns have also been raised about a shortage of stewards for crowd control purposes.

The prime minister and the Queen have agreed that the day of the state funeral will be a "Day of National Mourning." This has also led to planning issues. The day will effectively be a bank holiday, although it will not be named as such. If the funeral falls on the weekend or an existing bank holiday, an extra bank holiday will not be granted. If the funeral falls on a weekday, the government does not plan to order employers to give employees the day off — the documents say that is a matter between employees and their staff.

D-Day+10
The state funeral itself will be held at Westminster Abbey.

There will be a two minutes' silence across the nation at midday.

Processions will take place in London and Windsor.

There will be a committal service in St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle, and the Queen will be buried in the castle's King George VI Memorial Chapel.