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Editorial

In this, the third issue of the *Journal*, the Council think it appropriate to give a brief resume of the work which they have undertaken on behalf of the Association in the general interests of furthering the development and use of the helicopter. It must, however, be realised that much work has yet to be done if the helicopter is to take up its proper role in the field of transportation, and if its many advantages are to be employed to the fullest extent.

The Ministry of Civil Aviation has formed various working Groups for the framing of suitable regulations covering the issue of Pilot Licences and the Regulatory Aspects of helicopter operation, also, the Ministry of Supply has arranged meetings to consider the requirements for Blind Flying. Our Association, now being accepted in official quarters as the authoritative voice in these matters, has, on these occasions been invited to express its views, and many of our members have attended the above-mentioned meetings on behalf of the Association.

Other matters at present under discussion with the authorities affect the Licensing of Engineering personnel, the planning and location of suitable landing places and the adaptation of existing legislation to allow the helicopter the freedom it requires, and other allied subjects, all of which have an important bearing on the future of rotary-wing aviation.

The Council is glad to report to members on the excellent co-operation exhibited by all the Government Departments concerned. This work continues and from time to time calls will be made upon members to volunteer for duties on various Sub-Committees which it is being found necessary to form in order to ensure that the Association's interests may be represented.