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GOVERNMENT GIVES GREEN LIGHT TO WORLD CUP BID

*SPORTS Minister Richard Caborn today **confirmed** that the government would back an English bid for the 2018 World Cup.*

*Caborn revealed Chancellor Gordon Brown, who **met** Uefa president Lennart Johansson on Wednesday, was "very, very keen" on the idea.*

Asked whether the government will support a bid, Caborn told BBC Radio 4: "Absolutely. I have no doubt."

Uefa president Lennart Johansson, who was also present at the meeting, said the Chancellor had expressed the view that a bid "would be a good idea for England and he was for it".

*The Football Association is still to decide on whether to **proceed** with a bid, but chairman Brian Barwick said: "We would like it."*

*The 2010 World Cup is being **held** in South Africa, with the 2014 tournament set to go to a South American country.*

Barwick added: "If that is the year when it comes back to Europe, we're going to go for it.

"We don't have to decide now how we go about it, we have to learn the lessons of when we didn't get these things and learn the lessons of when we did - like the Olympics.

*"I think (bid leader) Lord Coe was very clever, a brilliant guy and a really **huge** contributory factor, as was the playing of the **major** officials at the right time."*

QUESTIONS

1. Answer the following questions using your own words but taking into account the information in the text (2 points)

a. What are the British Government going to do in 2018?

b. Who has to decide if the bid for the World Cup should be carried on?

2. Are the following statements True or False? Identify the part of the text that supports your answer by copying the exact words below the statement. (1.5 points)

a. Argentina will host the Football World Cup in 2014:

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b. Brian Barwick is a member of the British Parliament:

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c. Brian Barwick said that they have to learn from the past to get it:

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