

# LOBBY BRIEFING

time: 11.00 date: 22.6.79

## PRIME MINISTER'S ENGAGEMENTS

The Prime Minister is in Strasbourg returning this afternoon (time not yet definite but likely to be about 4.30 at Northolt) after which she will go to Chequers for the weekend.

## PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS

There would be a statement this morning in the House by Mr. Peter Walker on the meeting of Agriculture Ministers which has just taken place in Brussels.

The Finance Bill would be given its Second Reading next Wednesday.

## MPS' AND MINISTERS' SALARIES

We pointed out that the figures given in one of the major national dailies (Telegraph) of the increases in Ministers' pay was seriously misleading in excluding the Parliamentary element from the present salary but including it in the salaries to be paid to Ministers in 1981. These mistaken figures therefore exaggerated the increases given. We hoped that a correction could be made and that the Lobby would exercise great care in setting out the figures accurately in future.

## CABINET

No cabinet meeting was scheduled in the week beginning 25 June so it was expected that the next Cabinet would take place on the Prime Minister's return from Australia.

## IPCS STRIKE

We said that it had not affected Downing Street perceptibly.

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