

PRIME MINISTER'S ENGAGEMENTS

Cabinet met at 10.30 - all present except the Lord Privy Seal and the Secretary of State for Trade.

The Prime Minister will meet the President of the Republic of Kenya at 12.10 today, take Questions, sit in on the Budget Speech and attend the State Banquet being given by the Queen tonight at Buckingham Palace for the President of the Republic of Kenya.

PRESS NOTICES

Visit of the Prime Minister of Singapore to London, 17-21 June.

Appointment of a Curate to the Vicarage of Churchstoke with Hyssington and Sarn.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT PRESS CONFERENCE

As operational guidance only, we told the Lobby that the Secretary of State for the Environment would give a Press Conference at 5.30 p.m. today at Marsham Street about aspects of the Budget of concern to his Department.

BUDGET

The Chancellor's speech would last roughly 90 minutes.

MPS' PAY

We confirmed that Lord Boyle's Report on MPs' and Ministers' Pay was received at No. 10 on Monday, 11 June. The Prime Minister had answered a Written PQ about it yesterday. The Report would be published as soon as possible - "not likely this week".

COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING IN LUSAKA

It was still the Queen's intention to attend the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Lusaka. Obviously we were concerned about safety and security as we would be for any major international conference. But the Government had no reason to expect a change of plans for the Conference. For obvious reasons, we do not discuss details of security arrangements for VIPs attending meetings of this kind.