

PRIME MINISTER'S ENGAGEMENTS

A meeting of Ministers began at 1045. Those present, apart from the PM, were Chancellor, Home Secretary, S/S for Industry, S/S for Employment, S/S for Trade, S/S for Energy, S/S for the Environment, Lord President of the Council and Chief Secretary of the Treasury. Others, attending parts of the meeting, were S/S for Wales, S/S for Education, S/S for Social Services and M/S, Scottish Office (Earl Mansfield).

PM will take Questions in the House this afternoon.

At 1830 she will have an audience of the Queen.

This evening the PM will host a dinner at No. 10 for Premier Hua with 66 guests from Government, Parliament and industry.

PRESS NOTICES

Two were issued: the visit of President Giscard who will be here for talks with PM on 19-20 November; the appointment of the Reverend David Kennedy Lunn (Newcastle) to be Bishop of Sheffield.

WHITE PAPERS

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration's 2nd Report will be published at 0001 on Wednesday, 31 October with CFRs at 1430 today.

May Committee Report will be published at 1430 on 31 October with CFRs at 1030.

Report on Darryn Clarke will be published at 1430 on 1 November with CFRs at 1000 on 31 October.

Immigration White Paper will not be available until late November. There will be no Immigration Bill this session. We thought it was reasonable to assume that the Home Secretary had made an announcement on some aspects of immigration because publication was a fair way off.

LOBBY BRIEFING

time: 4.00

date: 30.10.79

Morning Lobby was repeated.

There was no question of the Prime Minister going to France in the near future. She had been there for one day in June - pre-Strasbourg Summit.

E Committee this morning did not cover Civil Service pay or manpower cuts. There was a range of subjects.

EDUCATION BILL

The Government would like to get the Bill on the Statute Book before the end of the financial year.

PREMIER HUA

Lobby was given the guest list and details of the menu. Copies of PM's speech (embargoed) would be available later today. No. 10 will be arranging a briefing about 6.00 p.m. on Thursday following the final talks with the PM.

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