

PRIME MINISTER'S ENGAGEMENTS

PM returns from Luxembourg at about 1600 hours and will go to Chequers for the weekend. A transcript of her interview on 19 October with Radio Luxembourg will be available after the weekend.

WHITE PAPER LIST

Details of next week's publications were circulated.

PRESS NOTICE

A press notice had been issued at 10.30 on the appointment of John Walter Edmonds as a member of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution. Copies were circulated.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY - UK'S BUDGETARY CONTRIBUTION

It was too soon to speculate on what action, if any, Britain might take if the Community did not agree to a reduction in our contribution.

EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION ACT - MATERNITY LEAVE (SMALL FIRMS)

DE had issued consultative documents in September. The right to return to work (in small firms) after maternity leave was included in one of the proposals. Consultations are still progressing and, therefore, no decision had been reached.