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I have told the Treasury.

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PRIME MINISTER

Announcement of the Budget date

You told Ken Stowe that you had it in mind to announce the Budget date (12 June) in your speech in the debate on the Address.

The normal way of announcing the Budget date is for the Leader of the House to do it in his Thursday business statement - in reply to an arranged PQ from the Leader of the Opposition. However, the Treasury can see no reason why you yourself should not announce it if you so wish.

Will you announce it? Or shall we leave it to the Leader of the House - i.e. next Thursday?

Leave it to the Leader of the House. I just
wondered it known as near as possible.
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