

John Beastall (CSD) advises us of two items which concern his Minister of State, Mr. Paul Channon:-

1. (a) Mr. McCall of IPCS will meet Mr. Channon this afternoon to discuss the IPCS dispute.

(b) During the discussion they are likely to reach settlement on scientists and propose that the professional and technical staff's claim should go to arbitration. The IPCS have so far indicated that they do not wish to go to arbitration but would prefer to take industrial action. A one-day strike by all members of IPCS may be called for Friday, 22 June. CSD will inform us of the outcome of this meeting and may make an announcement on the two different results.
2. Mr. Channon will be answering oral questions in the House on Wednesday, one of which will be about open government. The answer will indicate that they do not propose to take existing arrangements much further.

I explained what we had been saying on Ministers' and MPs' salaries and Mr. Beastall agreed that his office would be responsible for the mechanics of publishing the Report. He agreed to keep in touch over the mode of announcement and the issue of any press notice.

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