



10 DOWNING STREET

Prime Minister

MP's Pay.

1. At the meeting of our backbench Scottish Committee on 10th June, there was a strong and unanimous view, expressed spontaneously, that MPs should either accept no uprating from Boyle, or a reduction in whatever reduction he might suggest.

2. The following were present:-

Michael Ancram  
Peter Fraser  
Bill Walker  
Ian Lang  
John Mackay  
David Myles  
Alex Pollock  
James Douglas-Hamilton.

3. I had a word with Matthew Parris about the final sentence of his letter to you dated 9th June (herewith).

4. He intended to mean that the agreed increase of £1275 (taking us from £9450 to £10725) together with any uprating should not be higher than the inflation rate".

5. We had interpreted his letter as meaning that the uprating itself should not be higher than inflation rate.

6. Herewith letters for you to sign to Kenneth Carlisle and to Matthew Parris.

13th June, 1980

Ian Gow.