

PRIME MINISTER' ENGAGEMENTS

Cabinet met at 1100: all present.

The Prime Minister is spending much of the rest of the day preparing for Dublin.

IN THE HOUSE

Answer of substance from Mark Carlisle to Question 160 from William van Straubenzee: "To ask the Secretary of State for Education and Science if he will make a statement about his department's cash limits for the year 1979-80 and in particular the effect on grants available to universities in that year."

Written Answer from Willie Whitelaw (No. 93 - William Rhys Davies) - recording publication at 1430 of the Report of the (Williams) Committee on Obscenity and Film Censorship.

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EMS - BRITAIN TO JOIN AS A 'QUID PRO QUO' FOR A BUDGET REDUCTION ?

We had seen this morning's Guardian story from their Brussels correspondent. We repeated - our efforts to secure a budget reduction were not to be linked with any other issue.

Lord Carrington's recent speech summed up our position on EMS - we would join at the right moment.

SOCIAL SECURITY BILL

We expected this to be published tomorrow (at 1530?). We understood a four page White Paper outlining the Bill would be available at noon tomorrow. DHSS would also be arranging a press conference.