

PRIME MINISTER

A forward look at decisions in the next ~~Six~~ months

I have put in your box separately Sir Robert Armstrong's forward look at Cabinet and Cabinet Committee business for the period until the Christmas recess. This minute tries to give a more general view of calls on your time which we foresee - there will also be plenty that we cannot foresee!

1. ECONOMIC

(a) The Budget - The decision on uprating and other Budget decisions will have to be taken after the Chancellor's return, i.e. in the three weeks beginning 14 February.

(b) Pay - You know about the water workers. The outcome of the water workers' dispute will determine whether there is trouble on electricity and gas workers, and perhaps local authority workers. A list of other groups with settlement dates is at Flag A: much of this will be settled in E(PSP) or, for the Civil Service, MISC 66 and 67: you will be involved in cases of difficulty.

(c) Rates - Draft of a paper by Mr. King for your Group on Rates is about to arrive: then several meetings in February/March.

(d) Public expenditure - Guidelines for the next Survey will come forward in late February, but substantive decisions will not come up until July.

(e) Other things - Serpell, aspects of the Telecommunications Bill, regional policy (conclusions of MISC 14), remaining decisions on Cable.

he has now asked -
for a short talk
before sending in
his paper. ✓

/ 2. FOREIGN

2. FOREIGN AND DEFENCE

(a) Inward and outward visits - A list is at Flag B.

(b) Dependent territories -

(i) Falklands - airfield next week and further issues likely.

(ii) Hong Kong - policy paper later this month.

(iii) Gibraltar - continuing.

(iv) Belize - decision on garrison later this month.

(c) European Community -

(i) 1982 Budget refunds - if there are further hitches.

(ii) 1983 Budget and later - policy discussion of 15 February and further work leading up to June Summit.

(iii) CAP price fixing - end March.

(d) Nuclear and defence -

(i) Decisions on INF talks - continuing over next few months.

(ii) Dual Key - late March.

(iii) A major speech? - as a contribution to the campaign.

(e) Middle East -

(i) Arab League delegation/King Hassan's visit

(ii) Strategy - discussion later this month or early next.

(f) Other matters -

✓ (i) Visit to BAOR? - linked to June European Council?

X (ii) Fitzgerald - Talks??

3. HOME

(a) Education vouchers - MISC 91 meeting have now started.

(b) Commission for Racial Equality guidelines - will come forward when new immigration rules have been settled.

M (c) Security - decisions on positive vetting following the Security Commission report.

(d) Other things - A full list of subjects going to H Committee is attached to the Cabinet Office paper: the ones most likely to involve you are -

(i) House of Lords reform - later this month.

(ii) Review of Prevention of Terrorism Act - later this month.

4. PARLIAMENTARY

A nuclear debate and censure debate on unemployment are possibilities: apart from that the next occasion likely to involve you will probably be a debate on security in mid-March.

5. APPOINTMENTS

(a) Chairman of JIC

(b) Civil Service - some consequentials on recent Permanent Secretary appointments.

(c) Chairman of BBC - Home Secretary likely to come forward with names soon.

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- (d) Church - Bishop^d Guildford (mid-February);
Bishop of Sodor and Man (early April);
Archbishop of York and consequentials (mid-July).

6. SPEECHES

A list of the speeches is at Flag C. You have Ferdie Mount's minute about themes for these speeches: if you agree with that, we will put suggestions to you on fitting themes to each occasion and arranging some working sessions with the people you want to bring in.

I hope that this gives you some picture of the work programme. It is going to be a busy six months!

FERB.

2 February 1983

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ANNEX A

PUBLIC SECTOR SETTLEMENT DATES IN THE NEXT FIVE MONTHS

<u>SETTLEMENT DATE</u>	<u>NEGOTIATING GROUP</u>
1 February 1983	Electricity Supply - Technicians and Engineers (27,000)
1 March 1983	Tyne and Wear Passenger Transport Executive Platform Staff (1,597)
1 March 1983	National Bus Company - Platform and non craft maintenance (31,945) Clericals and Admin (9,059) Skilled Maintenance (5,339)
20 March 1983	Electricity Supply - Manuals (90,000)
28 March 1983	London Transport Buses - Drivers & Conductors (19,420)
1 April 1983	West Midlands Passenger Transport Executive - Platform Staff (4,122)
1 April 1983	South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive - Platform Staff (3,177)
1 April 1983	Passenger Transport Executives - Non Manual Staff (5,400)
1 April 1983	Armed Forces (334,000)
1 April 1983	Civil Service - Non-Industrials (518,200)
1 April 1983	Top Salaries Review Body group (1,800)
1 April 1983	NHS - Administrative, Clerical and Secretarial grades (131,600)
1 April 1983	NHS - Ambulancemen (18,100)
1 April 1983	NHS - Ancillary Workers (211,800)
1 April 1983	NHS - Doctors and Dentists (94,950)
1 April 1983	NHS - Nurses and Midwives (482,600)
1 April 1983	NHS - Professions Supplementary to Medicine (36,400)
1 April 1983	NHS - Medical Laboratory Scientific Officers (18,000)
1 April 1983	Teachers - Primary and Secondary (England and Wales) (452,000)
1 April 1983	Teachers - Further Education (England and Wales) (80,000)
1 April 1983	Teachers - Primary and Secondary (Scotland) (54,910)

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<u>SETTLEMENT DATE</u>	<u>NEGOTIATING GROUP</u>
1 April 1983	Teachers - Further Education (Scotland) (7,750)
1 April 1983	Universities - Non-Clinical Academic Staff (40,000)
1 April 1983	Universities - Manual Workers (11,000)
1 April 1983	BBC - Manuals and non-manuals (27,500)
1 April 1983	British Shipbuilders (67,000)
1 April 1983	Post Office - UCW Postal grades (156,000)
1 April 1983	Post Office - CMA grades (14,800)
3 April 1983	London Country Buses - Platform staff, catering and miscellaneous grades (2,295)
18 April 1983	Stathclyde Passenger Transport Executive - Platform Staff (1,847)
19 April 1983	British Rail - Clerical and Conciliation grades (136,000)
19 April 1983	British Rail - Workshop grades (50,000)
20 April 1983	London Transport - Rail Conciliation grades (14,152)
20 April 1983	London Transport - Rail Workshop grades (3,550)
22 April 1983	London Transport - Road Workshop grades (3,300)
30 April 1983	West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive - Platform staff (2,812)
1 May 1983	Electricity Supply - clericals (47,400)
1 June 1983	Gas Supply - Staff and senior officers (57,700)

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INWARD AND OUTWARD VISITS

	<u>Inward</u>	<u>Outward</u>
4 February	Chancellor Kohl	
9 February	Vice-President Bush	
16 February	Deputy Prime Minister of Iraq	
? February	King Hassan and Arab League Delegation	
24 February	Signor Fanfani	
2 March	Mr. Lubbers	
21-22 March		European Council
23 March	President Kaunda	
18 April	Sultan of Oman	
21-22 April	Chancellor Kohl	
4 May	President Machel	
18 May (or 15 June)	Yugoslav Prime Minister	
27-31 May		Economic Summit, Washington
6-7 June		European Council

SPEECHES

Saturday 12 February	:	YC Conference, Bournemouth
Wednesday 23 February	:	Institute of Directors
Saturday 26 March	:	Central Council
Friday 15 April	:	Candidates Conference
Tuesday 19 April	:	CBI Dinner
Thursday 28 April	:	Cutlers Feast
Friday 13 May	:	Scottish Conference
Saturday 21 May	:	Women's Conference
Friday 27 May?	:	Speech in Washington
Saturday 18 June	:	Welsh Conference
Thursday 23 June	:	1900 Club
Friday 24 June	:	EDU Conference ?