

PRIME MINISTER

You might find it helpful to have a check-list of matters which will have to be dealt with before a June Election if you decide to have one. Having consulted John and Michael (but no one else), I think that the list looks like this :-

Security

Publication of Security Commission report on Prime, and statement by you. Debate?

Foreign Affairs/Defence

Preparations for Washington/Williamsburg, including Washington speech

EC Budget - tactics, particularly decision about withholding, and CAP price settlement

Hong Kong - contingency plans for Chinese announcement of

their plans
Defence White Paper

Nuclear weapons - Joint decision

Disarmament speech (House of Commons debate)

and possibly

Financial policy towards Argentina

Falklands airfield.

Home and economic

Local government - rates and future of GLC

Review body reports - TSRB, AFRB, DDRB, MPs.

Trade union reform legislation

Pensions separating for November

Possibly -

Outline of rate support grant settlement 1984/85

Taxation of husband and wife (Chancellor is pressing for decisions in time for manifesto)

Some industrial relations problems (Bk, firemen, ports)

I have omitted less controversial or urgent matters (e.g.

BSE and electricity, corporate plans, Alean and coal price

for Lynemouth smelter, electrification of Haelling/Tonbridge

line). You also have speeches to the Cutlers,

Scottish Conference, Women's Conference.

I hope that this gives you useful picture.

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