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Cabinet

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

The Prime Minister has seen and noted without comment (!) your minute A07345 of 5 February 1982 reporting the numbers of meetings of Cabinet and Cabinet Committees in 1981 as compared with 1980.

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PRIME MINISTER

A year ago I reported (my minute of 6 February 1981, A04207) a decline in the numbers of meetings of Cabinet and Cabinet Committees in 1980, as compared with 1978.

2. The decline has continued, though more slowly. The figures are:

Change in Numbers of Meetings

	<u>1980 on 1978</u>	<u>1981 on 1980</u>
	%	%
Cabinet and other Ministerial Meetings	- 38	- 11
Official Meetings	- 36	- 1
Total	- 37	- 15

3. I am afraid that Ministers are winning.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

5 February 1982