

PRIME MINISTER

*Defence*

PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

The business has been prepared on a normal basis, leaving Falkland Islands matters to be accommodated as and when necessary. You might possibly want to say a word about prospects for emergency powers legislation, and about the frequency of reports to the House on developments.

*Disarmament*

I understand that the Conservative Backbench Defence Committee is expressing considerable unhappiness about the prospect of publication of the Defence White Paper next week, in the absence of significant changes in the light of the Falkland Islands situation. The Chief Whip may mention this to you when you see him tonight. Alternatively, it might get raised in Cabinet.

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