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PRIME MINISTER



CIVIL SERVICE NUMBERS

Answered
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Before you depart on holiday, you may like a brief note about the latest position.

2. Departmental staff in post figures at 1 July 1982 show a total of 659,000. The reduction of 7,100 in the last quarter is made up of 4,800 non-industrials and 2,300 industrials. Savings were mainly in Defence (3,000); Inland Revenue (700). There were some small offsetting increases, including about 150 in the Land Registry to deal with the increase in the volume of registration work.

3. The figures show that there has been a reduction of 73,000 in the number of civil servants - just 10% - since we came to office. This means that progress with the rundown of 102,000 - from 732,000 to 630,000 - is well on course. But there will be no let-up in the pressure on departments to seek savings in manpower.

(G.H.)
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