

PRIME MINISTERTHE WEEK AHEAD

Westlands will unfortunately dominate this week and is unlikely to be pushed aside by what in normal times would be a very busy week indeed:

- Liverpool councillors contest surcharges in High Court (today)
- International Tin Council (tomorrow)
- Second Reading Financial Services Bill (tomorrow)
- Public Expenditure White Paper (Wednesday)
- USA/Soviet disarmament talks resume, Geneva (Thursday)
- Launch of Industry Year (Thursday)
- Popplewell's final report (Thursday)
- Publication, Social Security Bill (Friday)
- Index of Retail Prices (Friday)
- Group 5 meeting, London (Saturday and Sunday)

You have interviews with American (today) and Israeli correspondents (tomorrow); a visit to the Lobby's New Year party on Wednesday; and a regional tour on Friday.

The Freedom of Information Campaign marks the 75th anniversary of the Official Secrets Act today.

Details:

INTERNATIONAL

- Foreign Secretary tours Gulf (this week)
- International Tin Council (tomorrow)
- East African drought summit, Djibouti (Wednesday)
- Shevardnadze visits Tokyo (from Friday)

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

- Fish Council (today and Tuesday)
- Political Committee, The Hague (Wednesday and Thursday)
- European Parliament (all week)

PARLIAMENT

- Statements: ?Westland (today); Roskill (tomorrow); Nirex (Wednesday); Popplewell (Thursday)
- First for Questions: Transport (today); Defence (tomorrow); Industry (Wednesday); Treasury (Thursday)
- Commons debates: 2nd Reading, Public Order Bill (today); 2nd Reading, Financial Services Bill (tomorrow); ?City or Westland debate (Wednesday); Hong Kong nationality order and NI emergency provisions (Thursday); Private Members' Bill on disabled (Friday)
- Select Committees: Employment: Lord Young on work of his Departmental Group (Wednesday)
Home: David Mellor on misuse of hard drugs (Wednesday)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Liverpool Councillors contest surcharge in High Court (today)

INDUSTRY

- Ford workers vote on industrial action over pay (today; result Wednesday)
- Nicholas Ridley meets French Transport Minister on Channel Link (tomorrow)
- CBI statement on Budget submissions (tomorrow)
- National Consumer Council statement (tomorrow)
- Annual review of agriculture (tomorrow)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

- today: producer price index (today)
- Tuesday: vehicle production; retail sales; Building Society monthly figures (all Dec)
- Wednesday: CBI/FT survey of distributive trades (December); average earnings and unit costs (November)
- Thursday: Consumer spending (4th Q); steel production (December)
- Friday: Retail prices; PSEB (both December)

MINISTERS

- Leon Brittan meets Lobby on "making sense of Europe" campaign (Wednesday); addresses Royal Institute of International Affairs lunch (Friday)

MEDIA

- Channel 4 "Diverse Reports" (Wednesday); Christine Chapman talks to Conservatives who say the party is not getting it right
- BBC TV 1 Question Time, Thursday, with Norman Lamont, Harriet Harman, Donald Treford, Des Wilson
- BBC Radio 4 Any Questions? with David English, Nicholas Hinton, John Edmonds and Marghanita Laski

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