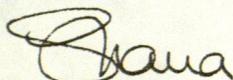


PRIME MINISTER

The Environment Committee was addressed last night by Nick Ridley, Michael Howard and Christopher Chope on the question of the Community Charge.

The meeting was attended by some 60-70 Members, and the Ministerial team did extremely well, dealing with most of the complaints most effectively. Nick and Michael were operating at their very best, and their opponents were left with not much to say.

There remains the usual list of disillusioned, who will either abstain or vote against the Government, but Nick's and Michael's performance will have stopped the rot going any further.



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Went into the Box 11/12
Did not come out.