LOBBY BRIEFING time: 11 AM date: 25.3.82

PRIME MINISTER'S DAY

The Prime Minister will be working in No 10 most of the day.

She will leave No 10 at approximately $2.30~\mathrm{pm}$ for Northolt from where she will fly to Leeds Airport, and go on to the Conservative Central Office in Harrogate.

On Saturday the Prime Minister will address the Central Council (12.00 noon).

She will then stay to lunch before departing at approximately 2.00 pm for Chequers, via Leeds Airport and Northolt.

The Prime Minister will be at Chequers for the rest of the weekend.

WHITE PAPER LIST - for distribution.

IN THE HOUSE

There are no Statements today.

ANSWERS OF INTEREST

No 65 Written: Mr Christopher Murphy to ask the Lord Privy Seal if he will make a statement on the financial regime for the Crown Agents. (Answer will announce that the Crown Agents have been given financial targets for 1982 to 1985 and are being asked to repay £9m to the National Loans Fund.)

No 83 Written 12 noon: Mr Peter Mills to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food if he has completed his Spring Review of liquid milk prices and if he will make a statement about the level of the maximum wholesale price to apply during the summer months. (Answer will announce that as a consequence of the usual seasonal review of data available from the costings system and the normal seasonal variations in cost factors maximum wholesale price will go down by 0.2p per litre. Maximum retail price will remain unchanged.)

No 87 Written 12 noon: Mr Robert Atkins to ask the S/S Defence if he will make a statement on local overseas allowance payable to servicemen in Germany. (Answer will announce an adjustment downwards in LOA, which is designed to make up for the extra cost of living in Germany. Since the gap between UK and Germany cost of living has narrowed, LOA should come down.)

No 91 Written 12 noon: Mr Peter Viggers to ask S/S Defence whether he will make a statement on the future of the Naval Hovercraft Trials Unit at Lee-on-Solent. (Answer will announce a rundown over the next few months with closure in October. The RN will retain the BH-7 craft, partly to assist in the British Hovercraft Corporation's sales drive, while the VT-2 and the two SR-N6 craft will be offered for sale.)

No 88 Written 12 noon: Mr Kenneth Carisle to ask S/S Defence what plans he has for the future of the British Forces Broadcasting Service and if he will make a statement. (Answer will announce merger of BFBS with the Services Cinema Corporation. This will save money and streamline management.)

LOBBY BRIEFING 2. time: 11 AM date: 26.3.82

No 90 Written 12 noon: Mr Ivan Lawrence to ask the S/S Education if he is able to make a statement about redundancy compensation for non-academic staff in universities. (Answer will indicate that these staff will have similar arrangements to local authority staff.)

No 84 Written ? : Mr Alan Haselhurst to ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer whether he will announce his proposals for the taxation of car and fuel benefits for 1983-84. (Answer, the subject of an HMT Press Notice, concerns perks taxation - linked to the Finance Bill - published today.) (Clause 41)

HILLHEAD

We said the Prime Minister was relaxed following the result of the Hillhead by-election and would be issuing no public reaction. Cecil Parkinson had issued a Party reaction from Central Office.

We thought it was possible that the Prime Minister would refer to the by-election during her speech on Saturday to the Central Council in Harrogate though the speech would be mainly a review of the economy and comments on the law and order question.

MITTERRAND

Asked about President Mitterrandbeing unhappy about the suggested solution to the EC budget problem we pointed out that no country/actually agreed the proposals. They had been put forward and all had agreed to look at them. Obviously if people thought they were likely to lose money through the scheme they might be expected to the less than happy.

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