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CROWN PROSECUTION SERVICE

The Prime Minister has seen the Solicitor General's Minute of 12 December, which she has noted without comment.

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PRIME MINISTER

CROWN PROSECUTION SERVICE

An Opposition Prayer to annul the Attorney General's Regulations transferring local government prosecuting staff to the new Service, and providing for the terms of their employment, was last night defeated.

Accordingly the Regulations (subject to there being no successful Prayer in the Lords) will take effect on 21 December. The Service will on 1 April 1986 assume its responsibilities in the Metropolitan Counties outside London (and in the Counties of Northumberland and Durham), and on 1 October 1986 in London and the rest of England and Wales.

The Director of Public Prosecutions and designated Chief Crown Prosecutors report increasing signs that the improved terms for pay and career prospects I announced on 12 November have greatly improved morale, and allayed anxieties, among their present staffs. I think we have done what was needed.

The first Civil Service Commissioners' competition for posts to be conducted since 12 November has produced applicants of high quality and in encouraging numbers.

There are therefore good grounds for hoping that when the Director of Public Prosecutions sends out at the end of December his 'notices of intended transfer', which are in

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effect his offers of employment to the people he wants in post on 1 April, the take-up will be satisfactory and the Service will from its outset fulfil our requirements of it.

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