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Prime Minister's Diary

You asked me to have a look at a "typical" month in the Prime Minister's diary, and to give you examples of engagements that you might consider not worthy of the Prime Minister's time. For a better cross section I took two months, June and July, and list my findings below. The following engagements were in my view unnecessary

- 1 June: TV interview with Angela Rippon
(The Prime Minister should never talk about her image.)
- 2 June: Dinner for Dr. Sylstra
- 9 June: Meeting with Mr. John Eccles
- 10 June: Meeting with Mrs. Jayakar re Festival of India
- 11 June: Meeting with the ex Finchley Liberal candidate
- 12 June: Meeting with Chairman of Shell
- 19 June: Taylor Woodrow Diamond Jubilee Lunch
- 2 July: Meeting with delegation of Indian MPs
Meeting with Mr. Ronnie Grierson
- 3 July: Meeting with Sir Nicho Henderson
Meeting with Mr. Theberge and Mr. Sherman
- 12 July: "Anyone for Dennis?"
- 19 July: Meeting with Lord Rhodes

For information, I list various totals. In the case of the MPs, more than one Member might have been present. The number represents a meeting as does the foreign affairs column. As far as Cabinet Meetings are concerned, this column excludes Cabinet but includes meetings set up by the Cabinet Office, i.e., E as well as ones that I set up myself for you or Tim. The Wedding week is excluded entirely. The lunches and dinners column is when the Prime Minister is either entertaining or being entertained.

	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>
MPs	14	5
Foreign Affairs	27	4
Cabinet Meetings	17	20
Media Interviews	6	1
Lunches and Dinners	13	11

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