



PERSONAL

HOME OFFICE
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3 February 1964

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Dear Alison,

In a separate envelope, as promised, I am sending a note of possible 'positive and negative public impact' events or announcements or decisions. Of course, particularly in the Home Office areas of responsibility, the highest public profile problems are often the least predictable. But the note represents our best assessment of problems and opportunities until Easter. I hardly need stress again - but I shall - just how sensitive this material is, how limited its circulation and indeed use should be and how important that information provided for presentational reasons should not be used to intervene in policy matters.

I hope that the layout of the note is suitable: if you decide on changes for future notes perhaps you could let me know.

Yours
Robin

ROBIN HARRIS

Miss Alison Ward

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Positive = Positive Public Impact; Negative = Negative Public Impact.

A. Major Interdepartmental Events/Announcements/Issues

Positive or Negative

1. Direct Broadcasting by Satellite (DBS) (with DTI): can a viable scheme involving the BBC, Independent Television and UNISAT be worked out? [Decision likely to be necessary within weeks.]

Positive and/or Negative

1. Greenham Common "Peace Camp" (with MoD, DoT, Law Officers): possible move through civil action in the courts to remove the Greenham women [? end March. Local authorities to be engaged before then if action to go ahead.]

Probably Negative

1. "Streamlining the Cities" (with DoE): emerging implications for Home Office of direct control over police and fire (cash and staff) and quest for savings in the Metropolitan areas [continuing].
2. "No-Passport Excursions" (with FCO): possible failure to reach agreement with the French about their continuation [continuing].

B. Home Office Events/Announcements/Issues

Positive

1. Possible initiative to help black businessmen. [? Around Easter.]
2. Publication of Criminal Justice Working Paper: showing strategy on sentencing courts etc [? April].
3. Publication of Green Paper on Intermittent Custody: use of "weekend" imprisonment [? March].
4. Publication of Crime Figures for 1983: should show fall in recorded crime - though not in all categories some of which may be up [publication 15 March].

Positive or Negative

1. "Glue Sniffing": decision on whether to create an offence of supplying solvents if known that the glue to be used for sniffing. [Some public announcement before Easter likely.]

Negative

1. Routine use of police cells for prisoners: problems in fulfilling objective of ending this. [February.]
2. Possible debate on amendment on 18R material at Report of Video Recordings Bill. [? end of March.]
3. Police Bill issues: particularly legal representation of police officers possibly leading to wider criticism of police complaints procedure. [February/March.]
4. CRE Report on Immigration Control: critical of work of immigration service and, by implication, Government policy [may leak in advance: publication not imminent.]
5. Devenport and the Forensic Service: implication of criticism of Mr Devonport's evidence in case of Bruce Lee's conviction for arson as far as other previous fire cases are concerned could be wide-ranging. Previous fire cases now being reviewed. [Already known by Jack Ashley MP. S of S before Select Committee on PCA on 14 February.]
6. Implications for immigration control of likely adverse decision by the ECHR at Strasbourg in the present "husbands cases" there. [Hearing likely to begin in Spring. But no decision likely until Autumn.]
7. Proposed deportation of the Pireira family [turning very uncertain; probably before Easter].



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8 February 1984

Dear Alison,

I thought that you might find the attached list of publication dates of interest for obvious reasons.

Yours
Robin

ROBIN HARRIS

Miss Alison Ward

To all Assistant Under-Secretaries

Copies to: Private Secretaries
Mr Caffarey
Deputy Under-Secretaries
Mr Mower
Mr R Harris

PARLIAMENTARY PUBLICATIONS 1984

I attach a revised provisional timetable for the publication of our parliamentary papers this year taking into account the responses to Miss Rogerson's note of 6th January.

Should it become necessary to alter a proposed publication date I should be grateful if you would let Parliamentary Section and Public Relations Branch know as soon as possible.

T. C. MORRIS
Parliamentary Clerk

7th February 1984

Provisional timetable for publishing annual
parliamentary papers in 1984

<u>Paper</u>	<u>Date for provision of copy</u>	<u>Publication date</u> <u>(which should normally</u> <u>be a Tuesday,</u> <u>Wednesday or Thursday)</u>
Report of the Police Complaints Board 1983 (Act)	Mid-March	11th April
Control of Immigration Statistics 1983 (Cmd.)	Early March	24th - 27th April
Report on the Work of the Prison Department 1983 (Cmd.)	Late April	31st May
Report of H.M Chief Inspector of Prisons 1983 (Act)	Early May	5th June
Report of the Parole Board 1983 (Act)	Early May	6th June
Report of the Charity Commissicners for England and Wales 1983 (Act)	Arranged by the Charity Commission	13th June
Report of the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis 1983 (Cmd.)	Arranged by Metropolitan Police office	20th June
Report of the Equal Opportunities Commission 1983 (Act)	Arranged by EOC	27th June
Church Commissioners' Annual Report 1983 (Measure)	Arranged by Church Commissioners	3rd July

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Report of the Commission for Racial Equality 1983 (Act)	Arranged by CRE	3rd July
Redundant Churches Fund Annual Report and Accounts 1983 (Measure)	Arranged by Church Commissioners	3rd July
Report of the Gaming Board 1983 (Act)	Late May	10th July
Report of H.M Chief Inspector of Constabulary 1983 (Act)	Early June	11th July
Annual Report and Accounts of the Broadcasting Complaints Commission (Act)	Early June	12th July
Statistics of Experiments on Living Animals 1983 (Cmd.)	Early June	17th July
Report of H.M Chief Inspector of Fire Services 1983 (Cmd.)	Early June	18th July
I.B.A. Report and Accounts 1983 (Act)	Arranged by I.B.A.	19th July
Tables of Persons acquiring British citizenship 1983 (Cmd.)	Early July	8th August
Prison Statistics England and Wales 1983 (Cmd.)	Mid July	End August
Criminal Statistics 1983 (Cmd.)	17th August	18th September

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Betting Licensing Statistics Great Britain June 1983 - May 1984	(Issued as a Statistical Bulletin)	17th October
Welsh Fourth Channel Authority's Report and Accounts 1983 (Act)	Arranged by W.F.C.A.	6th November
Report of the Horserace Betting Levy Board 1983 (Act)	Arranged by H.B.L.B.	21st November
B.B.C. Handbook Incorporating Report and Accounts 1983 (Charter)	Arranged by B.B.C.	29th November
Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board 1983 (Cmd.)	Early November	4th December