

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

LIAISON COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 1st OCTOBER

9.30 a.m.

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence
2. Bernard Ingham's diary of forthcoming events
3. Any other matters



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~~Public~~ PUBLIC SPENDING
1. ~~NT.~~ Total has been agreed.
- Question: how to distribute.

2. Treasury Cabinet.
3. note from BS to PM.

MAIN ISSUES 1985

This note sets out in tabular form the main issues over and above the legislative programme confronting the Government for the rest of this year. A diary of main events as they are so far known is at Annex I. A more detailed checklist of issues is at Annex II.

MAIN ISSUES

Gardash
Lester Com.
Lindsay
Elmington Bill.
Northern Ireland.
EC Linnis Paper
- had. cabinet?

defence
social security
housing reform.

Economic

- Public expenditure, culminating with November statement
- New pay round (especially after local authority manuals offer)
- Teachers' pay (October 11 deadline)
- Unemployment
- Inflation (good news).

Local Government/Environment

- Rates reform (White Paper)
- Liverpool City Council finance; surcharging of councillors
- Urban programme (especially in light of Handsworth)
- Planning; Green Belt.
- Housing stock - maintenance condition

Social Security

- Social Security reform (White Paper and Bill).
- Warnock response

Privatisation

- British Airways.
- Legislation for British Gas, British Airports Authority, Water authorities

Law and Order

- Soccer violence
- Drugs.
- Prisons (capacity)

Northern Ireland

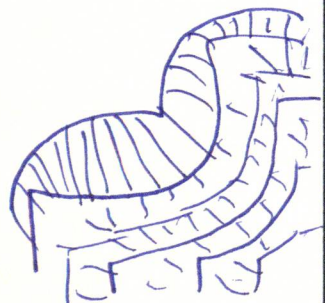
- Anglo-Irish agreement.

International

- Disarmament negotiations (Reagan/Gorbachev Summit, November 21-22)
- South Africa, sanctions (CHOGM, October 16-22)
- Africa, famine (RAF airlift continuation?)

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BERNARD INGHAM
1 October 1985



1985 MAIN EVENTS DIARYSeptember

- 25 - Trade figures (August)
- 25-28 - Scottish National Party conference, Paisley
- 25-27 - Association of County Councils and Metropolitan Authorities' social services conference, Oldham
- 26 - New vehicle registrations (August)
- 27 - Foreign Secretary visits Canada (to September 28)
- 27 - EC Fisheries Council, Luxembourg
- 28 - Three Liverpool soccer fans in court, Brussels
- 30 - Labour Party Conference, Bournemouth (to October 4)
- 30 - Rating and valuation conference, Brighton (to October 3)
- 30 - Credit business (August).
- 30 - Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association begin work-to-rule

October

- 1 - Prime Minister visits Rutherford Appleton Laboratory
- 1 - EC Industry Council, Luxembourg
- 1 - Commonwealth Finance Ministers meet, Maldives
- 2 - NEDC; UK official reserves (September)
- 2-5 - Gorbachev visits France
- 3 - Unemployment figures (September)
- 3 - OPEC meets
- 6 - New National Insurance contributions introduced
- 7 - IMF, Seoul
- 7 - Leatherhead - Reigate section M25 opens
- 8-11 - Conservative Party Conference, Blackpool
- 8 - Northern Ireland Assembly
- 9-11 - The Queen visits Belize
- 10 - EC Political Committee, Luxembourg (to October 11)
- 9-28 - FAO biennial meeting, Rome (Budget disagreement)
- 10-13 - National Association of Probation Officers' conference, Bridlington
- 11 - Deadline for teachers' pay talks (England and Wales)
- 11 - Index of Retail Prices (Prime Minister speaks at Party Conference); Building Societies' monthly figures (Sept)
- 12 - Prime Minister gives interview to Press Trust of India
- 13 - Belgian General Election
- 14-15 - Prime Minister meets Rajiv Gandhi
- 14-19 - Plaid Cymru Party Conference, Holyhead
- 14 - House of Lords resumes

- 14 - Retail Sales (September)
- 15-17 - National Housing and Town Planning Council
conference, Blackpool
- 15 - EC Research Council, Luxembourg
- 15 - Index of output of the production industries
(August)
- 16-22 - Prime Minister attends CHOGM, Nassau
- 16 - Average earnings; PSBR
- 16 - Lambeth Council employees' "Day of Action"
- 17 - EC Industry/Steel Council
- 17-18 - EC/ASEAN Ministerial, Bangkok
- 17 - Money Stock (mid-September); consumers'
expenditure (3rd qtr)
- 21 - House of Commons returns
- 21-25 - European Parliament, Strasbourg
- 21-23 - Association of District Councils' transport
conference, Blackpool
- 22 - Lobby of Parliament on overseas aid
- 23 - TUC General Council
- 24 - Trade figures (September)
- 27 - British Summertime ends
- 27 - TUC march and rally against social security review
- 28 - ECOFIN, Luxembourg
- 29-30 - Anglo/Italian Summit, Florence
- 29-30 - Nuclear Planning Group, Brussels
- 31 - Unemployment figures (October)

November

- 1 - Closed shop provisions of 1982 Employment Act come
into effect
- 1 - Deadline for Dutch Cruise/Pershing II deployment
- 4 - 2nd class stamp price reduced 1p
- 5-6 - Kohl/Mitterrand Summit
- 6 - State opening of Parliament/Queen's Speech
- 6 - NEDC
- 8-11 - UNESCO general conference, Sofia (very sensitive)
- 8-12 - Prince and Princess of Wales visit Washington
- 10 - Remembrance Day service
- 11 - Prime Minister's speech to Lord Mayor's banquet
- 11-15 - European Parliament, Strasbourg
- 14 - WEU Ministerial meeting, Rome
- 15 - Prime Minister's regional tour
- 15 - Retail price index (October)
- 17 - Prime Minister gives interview to Brian Walden,
LWT's "Weekend World"
- 17 - Princess Anne visits Tanzania, Mozambique, Zambia,
Sudan (to December 9)
- 17-19 - CBI conference, Harrogate
- 17 - South African Grand Prix
- 18 - Anglo-French Summit, London
- 18 - ECOFIN, Brussels
- 19 - EC Political Cooperation Ministerial meeting,
Brussels

- 20 - Council of Europe Committee of Ministers,
Strasbourg
- 20 - Average earnings (September)
- 21-22 - Reagan/Gorbachev Summit, Geneva
- 26 - EC Economic and Social Committee Plenary Session,
Brussels
- 27 - Anglo/German Summit, Bonn
- 27 - TUC General Council
- 29-30 - Conservative Trade Union Conference (Prime
Minister speaks November 30)

December

- 2- 3 - European Council, Luxembourg
- 2- 5 - WEU Assembly, Paris
- 4 - The Queen attends 10 Downing Street dinner to
mark 250th anniversary
- 4 - NEDC
- 5 - Unemployment figures (November)
- 9-13 - European Parliament, Strasbourg
- 11 - Prime Minister speaks at British Radio and
Electronic Equipment dinner
- 12-13 - NATO meeting, Brussels
- 13 - Retail prices index (November)
- 16 - GLC lorry ban introduced
- 16 - EC Foreign Affairs Council, Brussels
- 16 - EC Political Committee, Brussels
- 18 - Average earnings
- 18-20 - Association of University Teachers' Council,
Glasgow
- 27 - 6th anniversary, Russian invasion of
Afghanistan

1986

January 1 - Spain, Portugal enter European Community.

DETAILED LIST OF 1985 ISSUES
(BY DEPARTMENT)

ENVIRONMENT

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Liverpool City Council Finances	Possible the LCC will run out of funds in Autumn
Rate capping.	Possible action by District Auditors; surcharges.
Rates	Green Paper towards the end of the year.
Housing stock	DOE's inquiry into the condition of stock.
Abolition implementation.	Attention will be focussed on how smoothly the new joint authorities and the residuary bodies goes.
Widdicombe Inquiry.	Much interest in final report on authorities use (or abuse) of spending powers and politicisation of official appointments.
Inner-city policy and urban programme.	Recent riots in Birmingham will heighten press interest.
Disposal of radio-active waste.	Long-term solutions sought; NIREX announcement about potential sites expected in October.
Water Authority privatisation.	White/Green paper planned for Autumn.

Gleneagles and
apartheid.

Renewed press interest because
of SA situation. CHOGM
(November).

HEALTH/SOCIAL SECURITY

Financing of the NHS.

More "cuts" stories and press
will be watching to see how
DHSS comes out of the annual
public expenditure round.

Reform of Social Security
system.

White Paper and Bill expected
soon.

Aids

Test should be in place by
Autumn.

Warnock response.

Still being considered.

Child abuse.

Guidelines to Social
Services Departments expected
before Christmas.

AGRICULTURE

Milk pricing.

Possible adverse decision from
the European Court of Justice
around Christmas.

Fishing by-catches.

A dispute with Denmark over
industrial fishing by-catches.

TRANSPORT

Transport Bill.

Royal Assent expected in
October.

Stansted

Decision on application by BAA
for investment approval for
development of airport.

Okehampton by-pass.

EDUCATION

Teacher's pay and
resources.

Student support.

Consultation paper.

Education Bill.

Includes decision on corporal punishment.

LAW AND ORDER

Football violence.

Drugs.

Prisons population growth and rising criminal statistics.

Prisons becoming dangerously overcrowded.

Shop hours
(legislation).

Liberalisation of
licensing laws.

Awaiting results of Scottish experiment.

TREASURY/ECONOMY

Public expenditure
review.

Statement, November.

Commonwealth Finance
Ministers, Maldives
(October 1-2).

Chancellor not attending.

IMF, Seoul, S Korea
(October 7-9).

Chancellor not attending.

Building Societies
Bill.

Personal Taxation
Green Paper.

SCOTLAND

Scottish Rate Support
Grant.

Row likely in October.

Capital allocation for
housing in Scotland.

Scottish health matters,
possible closure of
acute services;
contracting out schemes
could be announced.

Inquiry into provision of hospital buildings and planning.

Glenochil Young Offenders detention centre report follow-up.

Teachers' dispute in Scotland; future of standard grade.

Cuts in agriculture R & D and advisory services
milk quotas
Salmon Bill
Norway pout
ritual slaughtering
HIDB tourism responsibilities.

INDUSTRY

PAC report on fixed rate export finance.	Mid-September.
Fraud case involving export finance.	October
Short term bank guarantees, possible withdrawal.	Likely outcry from affected exporters, October.
Review of ECGD, manpower implications.	Late 1985; industrial action in progress.

LORD CHANCELLOR'S DEPARTMENT

24-hour duty solicitor scheme.	Early October.
Royal Assent for Administration of Justice Act.	
New legislation - family law, latent damage.	November/December.
Property law, simplifying house conveyancing.	
Consultation paper on personal injuries.	End year.

MPO

New CSC rules on secondments.	Late November/early December. PN, Written PQ.
Control of capital projects - report on efficiency.	Autumn
Report on implementation of Rayner scrutinies.	Autumn
Report on occupational health in the Civil Service.	October
Arts and Libraries Budget.	Unlikely to satisfy the clientele.
Museum charges.	October/November.
Construction of British Library.	December
Setting up a trustee body for Merseyside museums.	

WELSH OFFICE

Competitive tendering - Welsh health authorities.	Difficult
Race relations, Welsh language judgement.	

NORTHERN IRELAND

Anglo-Irish Summit.	Late Autumn.
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INTERNATIONAL

UN Falklands debate.	October/November.
African famine.	Sensitive.
Aid and Trade.	
Food/Aid EC.	

Visit by Mr Ghandi (aid) (helicopters).	October 14/15
Mass lobby of Parliament on overseas aid.	October 22
UN/ESCO General Conference in Sofia.	November 8-11.
RAF continued involvement in famine relief decision.	End year