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Rt. Hon. Humphrey Atkins M.P.,
House of Commons,
London
S.W.1

30th May 1978

Dear Humphrey,

I enclose a list of possible motions for supply days between now and the end of the Session. I compiled it following the Management meeting at the Chairman's request. I think that the subjects in the sequence are of less individual significance than the firm intention to use the supply days as a way of presenting a coherent image of the Party. My own belief is that we should try hard to show ourselves as well informed and careful about the real life situations of many of the groups of whom we are alleged to be careless and that this is best done by illustrating our approach to politics by using individual case histories drawn from a wide variety of sources including MPs, postbags and surgeries. I hope that the enclosed list will be useful. I hope to be able to add to it after my Departmental meeting at Elvetham Hall this week. I am copying this to the Chairman.

Yours ever,

Andrew

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Subjects for Supply Days

If we are to have a planned programme thought should be given to maximising helpful publicity.

1. Council House Waiting Lists and the rigidities built into the system.
2. Waste and Centralised standards. Has the time come to look again at the costs and delays caused by outdated standards of building, parking spaces, street lamps and to ask whether the public's priorities would not be different if they had a chance to state them?
3. The Inner City Partnership schemes. All the signs are that all decisions are being taken at Government/Borough level and there is no real partnership involving voluntary bodies at all.
4. The place of voluntary organisations in the planning and provision of social and other services. (Sheila Moore's forthcoming booklet will provide an admirable basis for such a debate.)
5. The working of the Redundancy Payments Act. Much more research is needed but it seems as if for many tiny businesses this Act is creating large-scale anxiety since the proprietor cannot afford to go out of business if his employees are long-established. Also, where employees receive a substantial lump sum they have nothing like the opportunities to invest in a business which a previous generation had.
6. Stamp Duty and the workings of the Stamp Duty Office.
7. Derelict land in the ownership of public authorities. It may be felt that the recent 10 Minute Rule Bill covered this but it is a subject which would allow great consultations with voluntary and community groups. It is also scandalous.
8. The provision of adequate leisure time activities, particularly for the less educated. As a means of encouraging private enterprise to expand the economy this has few equals.
9. Training and re-training. This would allow for detailed discussions with Trade Union leaders. It would also permit a thorough run over the various industrial training boards.

Moore's

10. The restraints on the supply of teachers to schools. This is particularly pertinent to the supply of supply teachers when regular teachers are ill or involved in exams.
11. The care of the elderly in the 1980s. This allows for a debate running the whole gamut from the destruction of pensioners' savings from which they might make provision for themselves through to the closure of small hospitals suitable for long-term care. It brings in voluntary organisations etc.
12. Unemployment. "Back to work with Labour"
13. Child Poverty. Who really looks after the poor? 9/10 rise in living standards has taken place under the Conservatives.
14. The EEC Social Fund and the Labour Party's dislike of Europe.
15. Religious education in schools. This, properly prepared, could win us many friends in some of the immigrant communities.
16. Civil Liberties. a) At home, - Secrecy, powers of bureaucracy, powerlessness of Commons against Government etc.
b) Abroad - Czechoslovakia, Yuri Orlov, Berlin Wall.
17. Use of Government machine to sell Labour to the electorate.

On nearly all these use individual examples, carefully chosen.

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Andrew Rowe

22nd May 1978

SUPPLY DAY SUBJECTS

6.6.78

- 11 More days
- 1 Defence
- 2 Minor Parties ?
- 1 Select Committee

Trade (whole day, not voting) (Suggested by Mr Nott, 18.4.78)

Shipping ($\frac{1}{2}$ day)

Fisheries, on Adjournment ($\frac{1}{2}$ day)

Education and Industry (Education Committee)

Taylor Report on School Management and Government (Education Committee)

Crime, Vandalism.

Bureaucracy

Government assistance to Labour marginal seats

Falkland Is. ($\frac{1}{2}$ day)

Inner Urban Areas

Waste in Government service (Chapman etc.)

Council House sales

- * Immigration /Race Relations}
- * Price Commission activities
- * Nationalised Industries, e.g. transport, aircraft and shipbuilding
- * Education - standards and values
- * Sovereignty of Parliament
- * Profit sharing, wider share ownership, trade union representation
- * NEB investment programmes
- * Human rights

- * From old list (i.e. before Easter)

MONDAY, 12TH JUNE

Supply (19th allotted day)

Speaker: Jenkin

Debate on the First Report from the Expenditure Committee, Session 1976-77, on Preventive Medicine, and on the Government Observations. (HC 169)

Whip: 1 line

TUESDAY, 13TH JUNE

10 Minute Rule Bill: Water Services Charges (Rebates) (A. Bennett)

Speaker: Havers

REmaining stages of the State Immunity Bill (Lords)

Speaker: Taylor

and of the Community Service by Offenders (Scotland) Bill

Speaker:

Proceedings on the Tuvalu Bill (Lords)

and on the Cook Islands

Speaker: Awdry

and on the Export Guarantees and Overseas Investment Bill (Lords), and the Oaths Bill (Lords) which are consolidation measures.

Speaker:

Motion on EEC Documents R/95/76 and R/467/78 on

Whip: 1 line

WEDNESDAY, 14TH JUNE Non-Life Assurance

Speakers:

10 Minute Rule Bill: Direct Labour (Restriction of Works) (M. Morris)

Whip:

Supply (20th allotted day)

2 days

THURSDAY, 15TH JUNE

Supply (21st allotted day)

Speakers: Wall
Pattie

Debate on the Royal Navy, on a Motion for the Adjournment

Whip: 1 line

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Edmund Hughes.

FRIDAY, 16TH JUNE

Debate on the First Report from the Select Committee on VIOLENCE IN THE FAMILY, (HC No 329, and 553) and the Government Observations (Cmd 6690 and 7123)

MONDAY, 19TH JUNE

Supply (22nd allotted day)

Debate on a subject to be announced.

NOTES ON THE BUSINESS STATEMENT

FOR THURSDAY 8TH JUNE 1978

MONDAY 12TH JUNE

SUPPLY (19TH ALLOTTED DAY)-----

Debate on a Motion to take note of the First Report from the Expenditure Committee, Session 1976-77, on PREVENTIVE MEDICINE, House of Commons Paper No. 169 (published on 4th April) and of the Government's conclusions on the recommendations (Command No. 7057) published on 15th December 1977.

Speakers: ? Mr Moyle
 ? Mr D Ennals

3 days each Session are set aside for debates on Reports from Select Committees including one from the Committee of Public Accounts and at least one from the Expenditure Committee. Two are taken in Supply and one in Government time. It is usual for these debates to arise on "Take Note" Motions on non-Party lines. (The PAC Report (3rd Supply Day) from taken on 9th January.

TO REMIND: On the 11th Supply Day on 9th March the Opposition tabled a Motion on Reports from the Nationalised Industries Committee on the British Steel Corporation: no Government Observations had been published at the time and they later asked for this debate not to count against the sessional allotment of 3 days.

TUESDAY 13TH JUNE

*STATE IMMUNITY BILL
(LORDS)-----

Report and
Third Reading

This Bill was reported from the Standing Committee on Thursday 18th May, after 1 sitting.
No amendments or Third Reading Motion has been tabled.

Speaker: Mr E Luard

*COMMUNITY SERVICE BY
OFFENDERS (SCOTLAND)
BILL-----

Report and
Third Reading

This Bill was reported from the Standing Committee on Thursday 25th May, after 2 sittings. The Government amendments meet undertakings given in Committee.

Speaker: Mr H Ewing

*The rule will be suspended

Tuesday, contd

* TUVALU BILL (LORDS)

All stages

This Bill, which gives Independence to Tuvalu, was received from the Lords on 26th May. It will be proposed, as in some other such measures, that all stages should be taken at one sitting.

Speaker: Mr E Luard

* EXPORT GUARANTEES AND OVERSEAS INVESTMENT BILL (LORDS)

All stages

These Consolidation Measures were received from the Lords on 23rd May. It will be proposed, subject to there being no amendments, that all stages should be taken at one sitting.

Speaker: Mr A Davidson

* OATHS BILL (LORDS)

All stages

Ø EEC DOCUMENTS

R/95/76

R/487/78

These Documents concern the co-ordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to direct insurance other than life assurance and to further facilitate the exercise of freedom to provide services.

Debate will arise on a Motion to Take Note.

Speaker: Mr S C Davis

WEDNESDAY, 14TH JUNE

SUPPLY (20TH ALLOTTED DAY)

THURSDAY 15TH JUNE

SUPPLY (21ST ALLOTTED DAY)

Debate on THE ROYAL NAVY, which will arise on a Motion for the Adjournment of the House.

Speaker: Mr A Duffy

This is the last of the 3 Supply Days devoted to Defence debates between April and the end of July - an arrangement to avoid the former congestion in the Spring. The other annual debates in lieu of Vote A debates (numbers of personnel) were on 3rd April on the Royal Air Force and 25th May on the Army. The Votes A were passed under the Spring Guillotine on Thursday 8th March

*The rule will be suspended

Ø Exempted business for 1½ hours

FRIDAY 16TH JUNE

DEBATE ON VIOLENCE
IN THE FAMILY

The First Report from the Select Committee on Violence in Marriage (changed later and reappointed to Violence in the Family in order to cover Children), was published on 19th September 1975 (H/C Paper No. 553) and the Government Observations was published in December 1976 (Command No.6690)

The First Report from the Select Committee on Violence in the Family on Violence to Children, was published on 16th June (H/C Paper No.329) and the Government's conclusions on the recommendations was published on 22nd March 1976 (Command No.7123).

Interim Reports have been published which brought to notice further information and appendices which had been submitted to the Committee.

Speakers: Mr Deakins

MONDAY 19TH JUNE

SUPPLY (22nd ALLOTTED DAY)