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Prime Minister 2

SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL POST

To note

Week beginning 3 September 1979

Ans 12  
149

Approx No

Subject

Comment

483

Northern Ireland

Horror at murder of Lord Mountbatten and British soldiers. Capital punishment for terrorists; stronger measures to be taken by security forces. Expulsion and disenfranchisement of Irish in UK. Severance of diplomatic relations. Withdrawal of troops

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Prime Minister

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Praise for visit to Northern Ireland. Letters of good wishes and support

187

Personal Hardship

62

Housing

52

Money

18

Education

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Employment

12

Pensions

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Disability

7

Miscellaneous

5

Tax

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Planning appeals

2

Legal

72

Rhodesia

Pro recognition for Bishop Muzowera. Anti presence of Patriotic Front at Conference

58

Pensions

Delay in payment of increase, inadequacy of pensions, tax on widows' pensions

55

Trade Unions

Curb on union powers, calls for secret ballot especially by engineering workers

38

Law & Order

Calls for referendum on capital punishment. Harsher sentences

37

Rugby Tour

31

Indignantly pro tour

6

Anti tour

30

Public Expenditure

16

Anti education cuts

Anti World Service cuts

27	London Airport	Objections from all possible sites
26	Immigration	15 Against new Citizenship Bill 11 Anti further immigration
21	Cruelty to Animals	Anti experiments on live animals and factory farming
20	Prices	Complaints about rising prices
14	VAT	Complaints about VAT on sanitary wear and children's clothes
12	National Health Service	Protests about hospital closures
12	Social Security	Abuse of social security

Total for the week

2 9 2 3

WEEKS BEGINNING

1979	3 -					
	12 May	1	3	5	1	3
	14		7	4	9	2
	21		5	7	9	5
	28		3	6	3	6
	4 June		3	0	1	0
	11		2	9	0	8
	18		3	5	4	9
	25		2	7	9	0
	2 July		2	7	8	5
	9		4	2	9	6
	16		6	9	5	6
	23		4	0	5	9
	30		2	4	7	6
	6 Aug		2	0	5	8
	13		2	4	0	4
	20		2	1	6	2
	28		2	4	8	7
	3 Sept		2	9	2	3