

Q. Does the fact that this is a more open question mean that you doubt you will get a Budget settlement?

A. No. We are determined to get a Budget settlement because, as the Prime Minister has made repeatedly clear, we have a just cause; there is a problem that needs to be dealt with; and our partners in our position would be taking exactly the same line.

Q. When was the decision taken to go for June 9?

A. Today, when the Prime Minister was satisfied everything was ready, and that it was the best course in the interest of what

Q. Why did the Prime Minister move so fast?

A. She usually does when she has made up her mind. In any case, it makes sense in terms of clearing up at Westminster.

Q. How many Bills will go by the board?

A. I cannot say at this stage. That depends on the usual negotiations. The Leader of the House will make a Business Statement following those negotiations.



10 DOWNING STREET

Press Notice

GENERAL ELECTION, JUNE 1983

The Prime Minister has today asked Her Majesty The Queen to proclaim the Dissolution of Parliament. Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to signify that She will comply with this request.

Parliament will be dissolved on Friday 13 May. The General Election will take place on Thursday 9 June. The new Parliament will be summoned on Wednesday 15 June, when the first business will be the election of the Speaker and the swearing-in of members, and the State Opening will be on Wednesday 22 June.

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