- Q. Why has the Prime Minister gone for June 9?
- A. Because, as she said on BBC yesterday, she believes it is in the national interest that she now ends the uncertainty about a General Election and makes it possible for a Government to be elected with a clear mandate for a new term of office.
- Q. But is she not also going now because she thinks that her Government has the best chance of being re-elected now
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  A. She is certainly confident that she will win now. Lishe considers that a Conservative victory would also be in the national interest.
- Q. What were the arguments in favour of June 9 rather than June 16 or 23?
- A. The feeling in the Government and Party is that the country is ready for an election so why delay? Get it over with and out of the way. To will write way to will called 7pp hard to marriage with season Q. Will the Prime Minister go to Williamsburg?
- A. The United Kingdom will be represented at Williamsburg. The Prime Minister is considering the question of representation in the light of her decision about the General Election.
- Q. Will the visit to the USA, however, be curtailed?
- A. This is under consideration.
- Q. Will the Prime Minister go to Stuttgart, only 2-3 days before polling?
- A. Again the United Kingdom will be represented and the Prime Minister is considering representation.

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- 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 we have to built with the built with the built will be the built will be the built will be the built with the built will be the built be the built will be the built
- 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.



## **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.

9 May 1983