

Scottish

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Conservative and Unionist Party Conference, Perth
Prime Minister's SPEECH, Friday 9th May 1980

As you know, the Prime Minister will be addressing the Party Conference in Scotland on the 9th of next Month. Would you be kind enough, please, to let me have as much helpful background information as possible on the following matters:-

1. The extent to which sales of council houses and flats and enquiries about sales of council houses and flats has exceeded your expectations?
2. What is the total number of council houses and flats in Scotland. And have you made any estimate of the number which you may expect to sell each year, after your Bill becomes law?
33. When do you expect your Bill to reach the Statute Book?
4. Could you please give the most glaring contrasts between rate increases by Conservative and Labour controlled authorities in Scotland.- if said authorities happen to be side by side so much the better. *and*
5. Could you please let me have details of any conspicuous successes for free enterprise companies in Scotland in recent months - and any other examples of "good news" in Scotland which would be contributed to the success of the Government's economic policies.
6. If(!) the Scottish Development Authority has achieved any successes since 3rd May 1979 would you ~~wave~~ give any of a particularly populist kind?

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