



10 DOWNING STREET

Note of a meeting held at 10 Downing Street at 10.35 p.m.
on Monday, 9th June, 1980.

Present: The Prime Minister
The Rt. Hon. Edward du Cann, MP.
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1. The Prime Minister started the meeting by saying that she understood that Mr. du Cann wanted to have a word with her about Member's pay.
2. Mr. du Cann said that his advice had been rejected in the past, both by previous Governments and by the present one.
3. He said that last year a deal had been done between the Government and MPs about their pay, and that deal should be honoured.
4. It was noted that Member's pay would go up automatically on 13th June, 1980 from £9450 p.a. to £10,725 p.a. Mr. du Cann said that he understood that Lord Boyle would not be reporting on the uprating until the end of the month.
5. Mr. du Cann urged that Lord Boyle should report at the earliest possible moment.
6. Mr. du Cann said that although he agreed that we would have to work out a compromise about this uprating, it was not possible to decide what that compromise might be until after Lord Boyle had reported.
7. Later, in IG's room, IG said that it seemed that Lord Boyle would recommend an uprating of somewhere between 17% and 20%. IG asked whether, on that assumption, Mr. du Cann would think it reasonable that the uprating should be reduced to 12%, (2% below the nurses), which would give MPs a salary of £12,000 p.a.
8. Mr. du Cann would not comment on that suggestion and repeated that it was not possible to have a discussion about the terms of a possible compromise until after Lord Boyle's recommendations had been received.
9. It is to be noted that the figure of 12% was the very one which Mr. du Cann had himself suggested to the Chief Whip in the Chief Whip's Room following the meeting of the 1922 Committee on 5th June.

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cc: The Rt. Hon. Michael Jopling, M.P.