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Prime Minister (2)

To note that the statement  
on the defence estimates will now  
be published on 14 May.

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25/4STATEMENT ON THE DEFENCE ESTIMATES 1984

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At the meeting of Cabinet on 12th April, when colleagues approved the draft of this year's Statement on the Defence Estimates, I was invited to examine the possibility of bringing forward the date of publication from that proposed of 23rd May.

2. As you and other colleagues will appreciate, a good deal depends on printing and production arrangements, and these usually impose a constraint on when the Statement can be published. However, I understand that the process can be accelerated this year to allow for publication on Monday 14th May; and I further understand that you would be content with this date as it provides some additional flexibility in planning the business programme. (I should add that my own absence from the country on Defence Planning Committee business puts publication on any other day that week out of the question):

3. I have therefore set in hand the necessary arrangements to allow publication of the 1984 Statement on the Defence Estimates on Monday 14th May, and for its presentation to Parliament as a Command Paper on that date.

4. Copies of this minute go to the Prime Minister and our other Cabinet colleagues, to the Chief Whip and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

Ministry of Defence  
25th April 1984

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