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CIVIL SERVICE NUMBERS

Departmental returns of staff in post at 1 April 1982 show a total of 666,400. This means there has been a reduction of 9,000 since 1 January 1982. Of these reductions, 4,800 are non-industrials and 4,200 are industrials. This is the largest reduction in a quarter for 2½ years. This is exceptional, being about twice the reduction seen in recent quarters. There is no reason to expect it to be repeated in the coming months.

2. The main areas of reduction over the quarter are Defence (4,600); Environment and Transport (2,100) and DHSS (1,300). There are off-setting increases of about 1,100. 600 of these are in Inland Revenue, partly in preparation for the taxation of unemployment benefit in July of this year.

3. Progress with the rundown continues to be satisfactory. There is continuing pressure to ensure that this is sustained.

4. The April figures will be announced by means of a Written Answer.

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