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CIVIL SERVICE NUMBERS

You will want to know the latest position on Civil Service numbers. Departmental staff-in-post figures at 1 October 1982 show a total of 655,000. The reduction of 4,300 which we have achieved in the last quarter is made up of 2,100 non-industrials and 2,200 industrials. Savings were made mainly in the Ministry of Defence (1,800), the Department of Employment (600), the Department of the Environment (600), and in my own departments (900). However, we have to set against this increases of just over 500, some 300 of which were in the Inland Revenue, reflecting an upturn in recruitment for work on the taxation of unemployment benefit.

2. The figures show that there has been a reduction of 77,300 (or 10.6 per cent) in the number of civil servants since we came to office.
3. The October figures will be announced by means of a Written Answer within the next day or so.

(G.H.)

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