

Prime Minister

This has happened  
accidentally, but there  
could be some advantage in  
having alternative news to  
the Public Expenditure White Paper.

cc Lord President

MR BUTLER

HODDINOT REPORT/PUBLIC EXPENDITURE WHITE PAPER

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The Home Office intends to publish the Hoddinot report, on the investigation into the Brighton bombing, at 3.30pm on Tuesday with a statement to the House by the Home Secretary.

This will coincide with the Chief Secretary's press conference on the Public Expenditure White Paper.

The two subjects are entirely different but each will, of course, pre-empt some space for the other and there is a risk of the media complaining of news management. The Lobby is in something of an excited state and does seem to suffer from a lot of indigestion. My Information colleagues are also a little uneasy, but there does not seem anything practical we can do because Hoddinot's publication is geared to a meeting on Wednesday of Sussex police authority.

In all these circumstances, I think we can only hope we get away with it without complaint.

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