



Speakers' statements on ministerial policy announcements made outside the House

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Date	References	Subject of Point of Order / Statement
Parliamentary Session 1983 - 1984		
13.12.1983	Vol 50, cols 830-1,837	Availability of White Paper in advance of statement on regional economic policy
1.5.1984	Vol 59, cols 198, 226-7	Advance release of statement about shooting of WPC Fletcher outside Libyan Embassy to Parliamentary Adviser to Police Federation
Parliamentary Session 1987 - 1988		
10.11.1987	Vol 122, cols 227-8, 259-60, 373-6	Announcement of MMC findings on merger of British Airways and BCal to the press in advance of statement to the House
13.6.1988 & 14.6.1988	Vol 135, cols 38-9, 211-3	Launch in Wales of the Valleys Initiative in advance of statement to the House
9.11.1988	Vol 140, cols 325-6	Press conference about the football club membership scheme in advance of statement to the House
Parliamentary Session 1988 - 1989		
11.4.1989	Vol 150, cols 743-6	Press conference about the Carlisle-Settle railway line in advance of statement to the House
25.4.1989	Vol 151, col 805	Press conference about higher education tuition fees in advance of statement to the House
Parliamentary Session 1989 - 1990		
22.3.1990	Vol 169, cols 1251-2	Press conference on cash limits under the community charge regulations in Scotland without a statement to the House
23.4.1990	Vol 171, cols 26,27	Announcement of decision on school transfers without a statement to the House
Parliamentary Session 1990 - 1991		
14.3.1991	Vol 187, cols 1125-6	Advance release of statement on the Birmingham Six to the Parliamentary Adviser to the Police Federation
2.7.91	Vol 194, cols 180-2	Availability in the Press Gallery of statement on asylum seekers before it was made in the Chamber
16.7.91 & 17.7.91	Vol 195 cols 221-6, 369	Press conference on reorganisation of naval bases in advance of statement to the House
Parliamentary Session 1991 - 1992		
26.11.91	Vol 199, cols 780-1	Availability in the Press Gallery of statement on local government finance before it was made in the Chamber
2.3.1992	Vol 205, col 19	Press conference about improvements to the A1 in advance of statement to the House
Parliamentary Session 1992 - 1993		
08.3.1993	Vol 220, cols 663-4	Briefing of newspaper editors on statement on the 'taking stock' proposals for Scotland in advance of its being made in the House
30.11.1993	Vol 233 col 919	Response to point of order, deprecating press release by Secretary of State for Education on education expenditure prior to unified budget statement
6.7.1994	Vol 246, cols 329-30	Details in the <i>Western Mail</i> of announcement about the Development Board for Rural Wales in advance of statement to the House
Parliamentary Session 1994 - 1995		
13.7.1995	Vol 263, cols 1112-3	General points of order about the issuing of statements to the Press Gallery before they are made in the Chamber
Parliamentary Session 1995 - 1996		

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10.7.1996	Vol 281, col 401	Announcement on the radio and at a conference of new Government policy on cycling without any statement in the House

Parliamentary Session 1996 - 1997

12.12.1996	Vol 287 c427	leaking of information on the 'welsh budget' which led to accurate and comprehensive details of the statement appearing in the Western Mail
19.2.1997	Vol 290, col 925	Release of information about change in capping formula to Scottish Conservative Central Office in advance of statement to the Scottish Grand Committee

Parliamentary Session 1997 - 1998

21.7.1997	Vol 298, col 703	Detailed media reports about the contents of the Dearing report on higher education in advance of a statement in the House
3.12.1997	Vol 302, cols 390-1	Availability to the media of the statement on the Scottish local government settlement in advance of its delivery to the Scottish Grand Committee
12.2.1998	Vol 306, col 565 -6, 567	Announcement of the contents of the millennium dome at a press conference before their release to the House
03.07.1998	Vol 315 c632	In response to Point of order by Mr Simon Burns requesting a statement on changes to the Child Support Agency
22.4.1998	Vol 310, col 828-9	Lack of a full statement to the House, other than brief mention during question time, by the Prime Minister following his visit to the Middle East

Parliamentary Session 1998 - 1999

14.06.1999	Vol 333 c34	In response to point of order from Dr Evan Harris on disclosure of information about Social Exclusion Unit report on teenage pregnancies to the media in advance of Prime Ministers written answer
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Parliamentary Session 1999 - 2000

05.04.2000	Vol 347, col 975	Announcement in various media of new Government sports strategy paper in advance of the document being made available to Members and without any statement to the House.
30.10.2000	Vol 355, col 513-5	Details of announcement on defence procurement released to the media in advance of any statement to the House.

Parliamentary Session 2000 - 2001

13.02.2001	Vol 363 c159	In response to a point of order regarding the leaking of a White Paper on industrial competitiveness
15.11.2001	Vol 374 c1010	Press conference held before informing the House on an element of Government policy

Parliamentary Session 2001 - 2002

25.03.2002	Vol 382, col 596	Press conference on Clyde naval base job losses instead of any official statement to the House.
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Parliamentary Session 2002 - 2003

26.11.2002	Vol 395, col 185	Release of written ministerial statement to the press by the Ministry of Defence before making it available to the House.
30.01.2003	Vol 398, col 1009	Television interview in which the Secretary of State for Education referred to details of White Paper prior to a statement to the House
20.05.2003	Vol 405, col 861	Press release containing full details of a written ministerial statement on housing benefit appearing on the Department for Work and Pensions website, in advance of the statement being deposited in the Library.

Parliamentary Session 2003 - 2004

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08.09.2004	Vol 424 col 835	Media being informed prior to the House that the implementation of the hunting ban would be delayed for two years.

Parliamentary Session 2005-2006

25.05.2005	Vol 434, col 705	Chancellor of Exchequer and Deputy Prime Minister trailed Plans for shared home ownership in the media, and a press release from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister precedes a written ministerial statement referring to documents that are not available in the House of Commons Library
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Parliamentary Session 2007 - 2008

01.04.2008	Vol 474 c627	release of MOD information on a procurement exercise in advance of notifying the House.
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Parliamentary Session 2008 - 2009

24.11.2008	Vol 483 c522	In response to leaking of a statement by the Chancellor
24.06.2009	Vol 494 c797	Statement on need for Ministers who have key policy statements, to make them first to the House, they should not be released beforehand

Parliamentary Session 2009 - 2010

19.01.2010	Vol 504 c163	In response to allegation of the media being briefed ahead of Parliament on a statement on "garden grabbing"
17.03.2010	Vol 507 c879	Speaker's Statement on the timing of the release of the text of statements first made in the House of Lords

Parliamentary Session 2010 - 2011

25.05.2010	Vol 510 c53	In response to the leaking of the Draft Queen's Speech
30.06.2010	Vol 512 c863-5	Statement on a Home Office statement on non-EU migration passed to the media before it was delivered to the House

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