

House of Commons debates Wednesday, 14 June 2006

Oral Answers to Questions — Prime Minister Engagements

11:30 am



Joan Walley (Stoke-on-Trent North, Labour) | [Hansard source](#)

If he will list his official engagements for Wednesday 14 June.



Tony Blair (Prime Minister) | [Hansard source](#)

Before listing my engagements, I know that the whole House will join me in mourning the death of Captain Jim Philippon, who was killed in action in Afghanistan at the weekend. I know that we all extend our deep sympathy and condolences to his family and friends.

This morning I had meetings with ministerial colleagues and others. In addition to my duties in the House, I will have further such meetings later today.



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May I, too, express my sympathies to the families concerned?

Will my right hon. Friend join me in wishing the England team every continuing success?

While football is centre-stage, will he also join me in welcoming the report of the independent European sport review, which was initiated under our presidency and under the leadership of our Sports [Minister](#), Captain Caborn? Will the Prime [Minister](#) set out what action he can take on the report, which is designed to protect football and—



Michael Martin (Speaker) | [Hansard source](#)

Order. The Prime [Minister](#) can answer one supplementary.



Tony Blair (Prime Minister) | [Hansard source](#)

First, I am sure that we all wish the England team the best of luck in the match tomorrow. Secondly, as I said in answer to a question a few weeks ago, some recommendations in the independent European report are difficult—for example, trying to set a cap on players' wages. However, some of the other aspects, especially those that try to bring greater integrity to the way in which some of the financial transactions are conducted, are worth while and we will study the report carefully.



David Cameron (Witney, Conservative) | [Hansard source](#)

I join the Prime [Minister](#) in paying tribute to Captain Jim Philippon and sending our condolences to his family. Our troops are doing difficult work in Afghanistan, and they have our support.

In the past 40 days, the new [Home Secretary](#) has been hard at work. He potentially undermined his Department's deportation proceedings, he shelved his anti-crime campaign at the last minute, he misled the public about the employment of illegal immigrants in his Department and now he has criticised judges for their implementation of new Labour law. Can the Prime [Minister](#) detect any early signs that this Home Secretary will be any better than the last?



Tony Blair (Prime Minister) | [Hansard source](#)

Since the right hon. Gentleman and his [shadow Home Secretary](#) have been complaining