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**The Prime Minister:** I refer the hon. Gentleman to the reply that I gave some moments ago.

**Mr. McKay:** When the Government come to make a decision on the BP flotation which group will be the most important — the small shareholder or the fat cat underwriter?

**The Prime Minister:** I cannot add to what I have already said. The Chancellor will be answering further after Question Time.

**Mr. Cormack:** Will my right hon. Friend try to find time today to consider the desperate plight of the haemophilic AIDS victims who are suffering through no fault of their own and who many hon. Members believe deserve very special consideration?

**The Prime Minister:** I will, of course, discuss this matter with my hon. Friend the Minister for Health.

**Mr. Wareing:** Will the Prime Minister say what advice I should give to people in my constituency who have taken her advice and invested in private occupational pension funds? Those constituents are now at risk because of the belief in market forces, to which she has been telling us we should respond. What advice should pension fund holders be given in relation to any BP issue?

**The Prime Minister:** In general, the market is just about where it was just before the turn of the year, and very much higher than it has been on previous occasions.

**Q4. Mr. John Townend:** asked the Prime Minister if she will list her official engagements for Tuesday 27 October.

**The Prime Minister:** I refer my hon. Friend to the reply that I gave some moments ago.

**Mr. Townend:** Is my right hon. Friend aware that many of my constituents are furious at the persistent attacks on the Government and herself by Commonwealth Prime Ministers, many of whom are leaders of one-party states condemned by Amnesty International? Is it not time that they were told that in future the ruder they get the smaller will be their allocation from our very large overseas aid budget?

**The Prime Minister:** I appreciate my hon. Friend's concern but I think that he will agree, after a moment's

reflection, that we must give aid according to where people need it most. That has been, and will continue to be, our policy.

**Mr. Faulds:** As the Prime Minister's — [HON. MEMBERS: "Reading".] Some of us choose our words carefully.

As the Prime Minister's separation from reality increases and the corruption of power mars her judgment ever more, would she contemplate today that in the last three general elections she was returned on a minority of the votes of the British electorate? Will she understand that that basis does no justify her policies of destroying the welfare state, wrecking British industry and slavishly backing every misjudgment in international affairs that the American President makes?

**The Prime Minister:** Nor does the Labour party's performance during the last election or since lead me to listen to it, from any front.

**Q5. Mr. Gerald Bowden** asked the Prime Minister if she will list her official engagements for Tuesday 27 October.

**The Prime Minister:** I refer my hon. Friend to the reply that I gave some moments ago.

**Mr. Bowden:** Will my right hon. Friend spare some time today to reflect upon the success of the Government's right-to-buy policies, whereby some one million families, formerly tenants, now enjoy the security and independence of home ownership? Will she join me in deploring the delay and delaying tactics of some councils in dealing with right-to-buy applications? I have constituents who have waited for 18 months to two years before their applications have been dealt with and I believe that Southwark council has some 2,000 applications before it at the moment.

**The Prime Minister:** I join my hon. Friend in deploring any delays in allowing tenants to take up their right to buy. My hon. Friend will know that in extreme cases the Department of the Environment can take over from the local authority the entire right-to-buy responsibility for council houses. Therefore, perhaps he would have a word with our right hon. Friend the Secretary of State for the Environment.