

PRIME MINISTER

Bilateral with the Chancellor

There are no substantive issues. The Chancellor will want to discuss the handling of Cabinet.

- (i) There is the order in which you invite interventions. You are aware that Mr. Tebbit will not be available to provide support though, in fact, his letter - see Cabinet folder - was less helpful than it might have been. The answer to his concern about "nailing colours to the mast" is that the Chancellor is seeking agreement to ~~an redemption~~ ^{an assumption}, not a policy decision.
- (ii) You will want to discuss the terms in which the Cabinet discussion is relayed to the wider world. I attach a note from Bernard with some suggestions.
- (iii) It has been the practice to invite Terry Burns to the pre-Budget Cabinet discussion. (He has also attended the economic discussion in July.) Agree he be invited again?

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Yes not

ANDREW TURNBULL

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CABINET - BUDGET

The media are aware that tomorrow
The Cabinet will have its usual
pre-Budget tour of the economy.

It would be sensible to be able
to confirm this afterwards in
something like the following
terms:

"Today the Cabinet had an X hours
discussion of the economic
background to the Budget on the
basis of papers presented by
the Treasury.

"(It was agreed that a Green Paper
on public expenditure and taxation
in the longer term should be
published on [Budget Day, March
13])

Content?

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