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From the Private Secretary

Prime Minister

The issues are difficult

(i) Moving to the Star Chamber phase without a Cabinet meeting as in para 3(b) would mean that the Chancellor was unable to deploy the economic prospects as a lever to secure greater cooperation from colleagues.

(ii) Postponing the Autumn Statement beyond the BT flotation means that the latter will take place against all the reports of Cabinet rows etc.

To discuss at next bilateral?

Yes

no

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