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*From the Principal Private Secretary*

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MINISTERIAL CONSIDERATION OF BROADCASTING POLICY

The Home Secretary recently told the Prime Minister about his intention to circulate to MISC 128 an overview setting out the main decisions necessary on broadcasting policy. He pointed out that it would then be necessary to have a series of meetings with colleagues about the details of legislation. He wondered whether the Prime Minister would want to take those meetings or would prefer them to be chaired by another Minister.

The Prime Minister did not respond to the Home Secretary's suggestion that another Minister might chair the meetings of MISC 128 which would consider the detailed proposals for legislation. I should be grateful if you could let her have some advice on whether you think it advisable for her to chair these meetings or whether another Minister should do so; if the latter, which Minister should take the chair?

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