

PRIME MINISTER

MEETINGS WITH MINISTERS ON PUBLIC EXPENDITURE

You will recall that at your discussions with the Chancellor and Chief Secretary on public spending a few days ago, you agreed to have a word individually with Messrs. Parkinson, Clarke and MacGregor. At last week's bilateral with the Chancellor, you also agreed to add Mr. King to that list.

You have, of course, now spoken to both Mr. Parkinson and Mr. Clarke separately about the severity of the public expenditure position in recent meetings. Do you want me to arrange slots in your diary for discussions:

(a) with Mr. MacGregor?

(b) with Mr. King?

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do this with the
of other business with
them.

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