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cc Mr Flesher

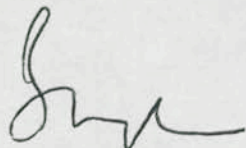
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David Hannay asked me some time ago to chair a meeting of interested Departments on the presentation of our case on budget reform. We had a short gathering this week to review the situation before we go off to CHOGM.

One idea that came up was for the Prime Minister to place clearly on record her approach to Athens immediately before she goes there. An opportunity would arise by means of an Oral Question at Prime Minister's Question Time on December 1.

If you think this idea has merit - and since she may well be asked questions in advance of Athens there is a lot to be said for our trying to control the exercise - no doubt you will be able to arrange to have a question put through Mr Alison.



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