



Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster

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PRIME MINISTER

POLICY WORK AND THE FMI

I have seen a copy of the Chief Secretary's minute to you of 15 May on this subject.

The proposals in the report on Policy Work and the FMI, if pursued in the way suggested by the Chief Secretary, should significantly improve the analysis and management of policy work. I therefore support his proposals for the handling of the report and, in particular, the suggestion that the Joint Management Unit should pursue with the Cabinet Office the inclusion of a note on performance assessment in policy proposals with value for money implications going to Cabinet Committees.

I also agree that the three reports (on Policy Work, on the role of the Principal Finance Officer, and on Top Management Systems) should be made publicly available.

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