

PRIME MINISTER

GLOBAL CLIMATE SEMINAR: 26 APRIL

I attach the papers for Wednesday's seminar. The only one from your previous meetings on this subject I have included is George Guise's very good note. Richard Wilson has prepared a helpful aide memoire of the main ideas which have emerged from your meetings with colleagues.

No - but we said they could say what they like
You will have seen Bernard's note on the media handling of the seminar. One question he does not directly touch on is the extent to which the seminar should be "on the record". Your broadcasting seminar was not. This one is a more open occasion but even so it is not a decision taking meeting and I see there being clear advantages for our future freedom of manoeuvre in not being tied by a record which is widely publicised (though of course there need to be some notes for use within government).

Agree no public record of the seminar? *-Yes*

Apart from the papers specifically for the folder I have also included as background from George two articles: one on 1816 "The Year Without Summer" which is worth a read to show just how big an impact a very small change in mean global temperature can have; the other is a report on today's article in Nature on the rise in ocean temperatures over the 1980s. I have also included Crispin Tickell's book published in 1986, not for you to read in depth but simply so that you are aware of it for when he is introduced as one of the speakers.

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