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PRIME MINISTER'S SEMINAR ON TECHNOLOGY

It occurred to me that we might perhaps invite to the seminar on 12 September two or three MPs who are particularly interested in the problem of technology transfer. I have this in mind because this week I've met a new MP called Spencer Battiste who is a solicitor in Sheffield who has hitherto acted as an adviser to the academic staff at the University there when they wanted to exploit their ideas.

He is very well informed indeed and is knowledgeable of the problems of technology transfer. The trouble about inviting MPs is that we would probably have to invite representatives from each party and I don't think that that is really appropriate for this sort of meeting.

However, I do think Mr Battiste might be invited in his own right as someone who is a practitioner in the field. Perhaps you'd like to consider this.

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