



10 DOWNING STREET

Prime Minister

Getting a liberal export regime for
gas is more important than any of
this. Hopefully you will come to this
meeting having made progress on this
in the morning.

I see no prospect of the meeting
agreeing on privatisation by splitting up.
You will, however, want to make clear
that you see serious objections to Mr Walker's
all-in-one approach. The way forward
might be to ask Mr Walker to put to (EVA)
a series of options for introducing
private capital into the upstream and
downstream parts of BGC's business, to
see if colleagues are prepared to be
bolder than Mr Walker is.

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