

PRIME MINISTER

MEETING WITH MR FOWLER

You are meeting Mr Fowler, at his request, at 1130 tomorrow morning for three-quarters of an hour to discuss the next steps on the Social Security Review. He is bringing Mr Newton and is also content for David Willetts to attend.

A note by the Policy Unit and a DHSS minute are below.

Mr Fowler wants to make sure you understand the political difficulties of the proposals he is being pushed into making. You will not want to show your hand. But you could say to him that the figures for gainers and losers have been shown to MISC 111 more than once, and most recently at their meeting on 15 October. You are not willing to see the public expenditure figures threatened when the ink on the autumn statement is not yet dry.

*David Norgrove*

*Duty Clerk.*

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