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Prime Minister ①

Peter Gregson and I also favour January, but
no slippage.

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There are two options in order to maintain the momentum:
either hold a meeting in mid December before the Prime
Minister goes abroad, to keep everybody up to the mark; or
set a deadline early in January when Tom King's paper will
be available.

Whilst we favour as early a timetable as possible, meetings
that lack substance do nobody any good. We would therefore
suggest writing to Tom King to say:

1. He should have evaluated in his group the main options
to go in the package of measures by the middle of
December.
2. He should keep to his timetable for drafting the White
Paper by early January.
3. A date should be chosen in early January to consider
both the draft paper and the package of measures.

As this timetable would represent several weeks of slippage,
the letter could stress the urgency of meeting this new,
more relaxed timetable.

David Young's findings on his two groups relevant to
employment could be incorporated in the paper in the final
drafting sessions in February.



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