

PRIME MINISTER

SEMINAR WITH THE TREASURY

The Chancellor has suggested to you a couple of times having a further seminar with the senior Treasury team, along the lines of the one held in January. You have welcomed this.

We have, therefore, been looking at the diary possibilities. Last time, it was a late afternoon meeting, followed by supper. This is something you would only want to do if the following day is fairly quiet. Those possibilities are few and far between, and we cannot find a suitable time until mid-May.

The Chancellor is, I think, keen to have the meeting fairly soon. So the only other option Amanda and I can identify is to hold it on the Tuesday following Easter Monday, 17 April; and for it to take the form of a 1030 meeting followed by lunch. Both the Chancellor and Chief Secretary would be content with this. But the question is whether you would want to use up part of that particular day for this purpose.

On attendance, the Chancellor wanted the Chief Secretary to join him (it was the Economic Secretary last time). And the two key officials are Peter Middleton and Terry Burns. Last time, Michael Scholar came in place of Peter Middleton (who was on his honeymoon). But you may want to consider having Michael along again, given that he is the key Deputy Secretary on economic policy matters, as well as Peter and Terry.

- (i) (a) content with a morning meeting and lunch on 17 April?

OR

- (b) prefer to wait until we can find an evening in, say, mid-May?

- (ii) do you want Michael Scholar to come as well as the others?

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