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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Gareth,

## MISC 128: MONITORING THE 25 PER CENT INITIATIVE

The Prime Minister was grateful for your Secretary of State's minute of 6 April. She has also seen the Home Secretary's letter of 13 April and the Chancellor's minute of 14 April.

The Prime Minister is concerned to note the difficulties in assessing the extent of the BBC's moves towards the 25 per cent figure and has noted the Corporation's unwillingness to provide detailed information voluntarily. Against that background she considers it will be necessary to add a clause to the forthcoming Broadcasting Bill which requires the BBC each year to satisfy the Office of Fair Trading that 25 per cent of programme production is coming from independent producers; this might be made a condition of the BBC licence or of the monopoly use of certain wave-lengths. The Prime Minister wishes this issue to be added to the agenda of the forthcoming series of MISC 128 meetings.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to members of MISC 128 and Sir Robin Butler.

Yours,  
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