

PRIME MINISTER

FUTURE MEETINGS ON BROADCASTING

I mentioned in the briefing for today's MISC 128 meeting the outstanding proposal from the Home Secretary for a meeting with representatives of the ITV companies on the quality factor. I suggested there were doubts about the desirability of this, both on merits and timetabling. In the light of the MISC 128 discussion you will want to decide whether or not to go ahead with it.

*I don't think it is necessary at all
no*

The Home Secretary had also suggested that, for the next meeting of MISC 128 itself, George Russell might be invited to make an opening presentation on the main channel 3 issue. I gather the Home Secretary would still like to do that. The best approach might be for such a presentation at the beginning of the next scheduled meeting on 11 May, after which Russell would leave and the group could consider its conclusions.

Content:

- (i) to abandon the idea of a meeting on the quality factor? *Yes no*
- (ii) for George Russell to make an opening presentation at the next MISC 128 meeting on 11 May?

Yes no

Recd.

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