

PRIME MINISTER

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RECONVENED NHS REVIEW MEETING

You may like to have a check-list of points we still need to go through. I suggest you take them in the following order:

1. Bernard has had a go at re-drafting the 'Seven Wonders of the World' for paragraph 1.7.

2. Chapter 8 of the draft. Richard Wilson's brief has points on paragraphs 8.4 and 8.6.

3. Chapter 9. Richard Wilson's brief has points on tax relief, and paragraphs 9.7 and 9.10 - 9.13.

4. Territorial Chapters. It seems unlikely Peter Walker will be at the reconvened meeting, but I think we have already covered Wales. So that leaves Scotland and Northern Ireland. Richard Wilson's and the Policy Unit's briefs raise a number of points.

5. Chapter 13. Richard Wilson has points on this, and you will want to mention Bernard's suggestion of re-titling it 'The Action Programme'.

6. Bernard also suggests a glossary of abbreviations at the front of the White Paper would be helpful.

7. You may like to have a word about the DoH paper on additional consultants' posts, unless you feel this was adequately dealt with this morning.

8. It might be helpful to have a brief word about the Chief Secretary's note on expenditure implications of the Review which came in late last night. X

9. There are a number of issues about presentation, covered in paragraph 5 of Richard Wilson's steering brief:

- the title of the White Paper. Ian Whitehead's brief mentions the Tim Bell suggestion, 'Fit for the Future';
- cover and illustrations;
- consultation document;
- general presentation. You might mention here your willingness to sign the foreword and to put this on video;
- Parliament.

10. Finally, the next steps:

- invite Mr Clarke to circulate the revised White Paper to E(A) and all members of the Cabinet by next Friday, 20 January;
- discuss at E(A) on 24 January and Cabinet on 26 January;
- publish on 31 January.

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