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PRIME MINISTER

COMMUNITY CARE: MEETING ON 18 MAY

You were originally scheduled to have a further meeting of your group on Community Care last week. But this was cancelled when you saw the paper by DOE, which said little more than that further work was required.

The rearranged meeting to consider further papers will now take place next Thursday. Over the last week there have been continuing difficulties in getting the papers properly written, and so we have arranged for Richard Wilson to play a more active co-ordinating role. The result is the summary paper prepared by Richard's team in the Cabinet Office at flag A below. Attached to that paper are three annexes; two prepared by DSS on the future benefit regime and entitlements of existing claimants in homes, and the third by DOH on specific grants and planning and monitoring systems.

The remaining paper is the original one submitted by DOE for last week's meeting, which you have already seen, and is at flag B.

At flag C is a short handling brief by Richard Wilson highlighting the key issues to be considered.

Briefing from the Policy Unit will be available next week.

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