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From: Paula Vennells [REDACTED] **GRO**
on behalf of Paula Vennells [REDACTED] **GRO**
Sent: 09/12/2014 10:38:45
To: Mark R Davies [REDACTED] **GRO**
Subject: Re: RC/JS briefing?

Suggest we have a chat? Why don't you come up and I'll bring in Alwen?
Paula

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> On 9 Dec 2014, at 10:32, Mark R Davies [REDACTED] **GRO** [REDACTED] wrote:
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> Hi. There doesn't appear at this stage to be a Parliamentary statement so I have taken the call to hold on the position agreed earlier with Richard; he wants to keep it relatively low key with Jo.
> We had a good discussion after you left. Belinda and Patrick are working up options but in short our view is:
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> - closing the scheme today would have a detrimental impact in media terms: it would give the story legs and we would probably face another round of negative media which would less easy to control: it would not come across well and while the story is dying off (now down to 8th on the BBC list), we should allow it to do so
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> - we do think that this is however a watershed moment and that we should strike (with the Board) while the iron is hot. My suggestion would be a call with Alice (a 121 with you, or I could join with Belinda?) to discuss with a view to a Board call early next week or later this
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> - reasoning here is that we think the Board will want to see advice, including legal and particularly on JR, and think there is a danger if go today they will feel bounced
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> - JA has made a tactical mistake here and we should I think allow that to have impact before we make a decision: we maintain the moral high ground on this and our 'Clapham omnibus' position is very strong: I think we also need to think through the Letwin angle on this.
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> Do you think a call with Alice later would be helpful?
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> Mark
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Paula Vennells
> Sent: 09 December 2014 10:26
> To: Mark R Davies
> Subject: RC/JS briefing?
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> Mark, can you advise what if you anything you have fed in?
> Thx Paula
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