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Thanks - very helpful. We spoke and agreed that the stakeholder mtg would cover:

- 1) MPs
- 2) Stakeholder mgt within the team
- 3) The panel

Some pre-working on 2 would be great, plse

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Andrew,

I've been giving some thought to our stakeholder approach, and I think we could do with widening the group of organisations we engage with quite quickly, so that we have raised our profile and got some people on board before the Kelly report. We have a brainstorming session on Tuesday, but that will I think be mostly focused on engaging with MPs; we also need to think about how we engage with the public in general, but I think one thing we should definitely do is engage early with some of the interest groups in our area - especially those who are in some way proxies for the general public.

To save time and stimulate discussions, I'd suggest we put together a stakeholder panel to meet before the end of October. I've done such panels before and find they can build a real sense of collective buy-in. We also have an opportunity here to deal with groups who are normally very critical of government, and get across the message that we are not government, and we want them on our side.

I've listed some possibles but this is very much a first cut - a combination of pressure groups with agendas and public sector bodies with expertise to contribute:

Campaign for Freedom of Information
Taxpayers' Alliance
Unlock Democracy
Hansard Society
UCL Constitution Unit?
Electoral Commission?
Senior Salary Review Body
CSPL?

As I say, I'd recommend a first meeting pre-Kelly so that some of these people have us in mind when Kelly comes out, and can give out the line I think we want - namely that politicians should leave the Kelly findings alone and leave it to IPSA. The first meeting might look at usual first meeting stuff like membership of the group and terms of reference, plus a programme overview, but also we should have some fairly meaty things to test on them:

- IPSA vision and strategic objectives
- Simon's design principles
- Programme approach to document publication (although we might not want to discuss this ahead of the next Prog Board)
- IPSA expenses, gifts and hospitality policy

And by the second meeting we ought to have a draft allowances scheme to share with them, which is what they'll be really interested in - and it helps for them to have all met before they consider it, which also argues for getting a meeting in October.

Let me know what you think - if you would welcome this approach then I will organise a first meeting, which I think would entail

- early phonecalls from me
- you writing to chief executives and asking for them or a representative to attend on a fixed date (because we won't be able to find a date which suits everybody) - I would sort out logistics and draft the letters

Comments from others welcome (on basic idea, and in particular on who to see) - thanks,

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