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Subject: RE: IPSA Stakeholder Panel - possible attendees

[REDACTED] - sorry, I seem to have lost track of it. As ever, Paul and I are ad idem. In terms of priorities, I wd not rush to see GEO and I don't think I need HMRC because I know enough folk there and I am going to call [REDACTED] anyway. TPA and SSRB I should see.
And one crucial point - we better stick to calling this the Stakeholder Panel. Call it a seminar and we'll all get confused with the academic forum
Thanks for pushing this forward,
Andrew

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Subject: RE: IPSA Stakeholder Panel - possible attendees

I don't think I've seen a response from Andrew to this, but to reply to get things moving quickly:

- the initial low key stakeholder event sounds great, as does last week in October: lets do it.

- intro bilats - go for it - aside from politicians (who we need to plan more carefully) or lobbyists (e.g. trying to flog us an expenses system) the more interested parties AM meets the better: if you give [REDACTED] a script I am sure she would be happy to get in the diaries.

Can we also give some thought to bilats with key people at:

SSRB; GEO; HMRC etc - the rest on that initial list in other words.

Cheers,

Paul

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: IPSA Stakeholder Panel - possible attendees

Andrew,

To answer your two questions first: on Vernon - I suggested him as a well respected voice on all things constitutional (and was probably influenced by my previous role in which he is quoted at every possible occasion) but seeing as he will be at the academic seminar, I would advise removing him from the list. Reform are a think tank who are primarily concerned with public service delivery but have written about expenses. I don't think they would be one of our top targets but maybe useful if we are struggling for numbers.

Stakeholder Event & Panel

As discussed at the meeting yesterday, I propose we hold a seminar for various interested bodies who regularly feature in the media to act as a forum for you to introduce yourself and IPSA and explain our role in the overall process. I envisage this being a fairly simple meet-and-greet session - the key to it being that these stakeholders will be fully aware of who IPSA are when Kelly publishes. I propose we hold the seminar in the last week of October.

Having made contact with most stakeholders on the below list, feedback has been positive. All have said they would be interested in taking part, although a couple have said they would need to check availability in that week. Hansard Society also suggested they could help us to set up the event. I would suggest that after we have a date and venue, you write to all of the stakeholders formally inviting them to the seminar.

I propose that at the seminar you explain that following on from this we want to set up an advisory panel that meets monthly to share ideas and provide an update on progress. Again, all the stakeholders I have contacted said they were keen on being part of this.

Introductory bilaterals

██████████ mentioned that it would be worth having individual meetings with the more controversial stakeholders before we hold an event. I would certainly agree that it is worth meeting the Taxpayers Alliance before the seminar - I floated the idea earlier when I spoke to their campaign manager who thought their chief exec, Matthew Elliot, would be keen to meet you. I mentioned it was diary permitting though so if you choose not to, we can easily drop it. Regarding the other stakeholders on the list, I think Unlock Democracy are a 'maybe' because they seem to be getting more coverage than the others but I don't think it is essential. I think introducing yourself and IPSA at the seminar will suffice for the other stakeholders on the list. The only factor that may alter this is if a key person in one of the bodies cannot make the date we decide on - we may then want to arrange a separate meeting with them.

Grateful for any comments you may have on the above approach. If you are content, I will get on with organising it.

Thanks,
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Thanks - we touched on this at our meeting this pm.

The line-up looks fine. I have just two questions. Why Vernon? And I am not familiar with Reform - what is it? I'd be grateful if your follow-up note could also pick up the question of introductory bilaterals.

Andrew

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From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: IPSA Stakeholder Panel - possible attendees

Dear All,

As part of our stakeholder engagement strategy, and as part of our plan to raise IPSA's profile before Kelly, I am looking into setting up a stakeholder 'advisory' panel. I am envisaging the panel consisting of five or six stakeholders who regularly comment on MPs expenses, and meeting approximately every month to discuss developments on the programme and on the issue MPs expenses more widely. We would also share some programme documentation with them as we see fit. If you agree with the general idea, the first step is to identify possible attendees - I have listed some options below as a starting point:

Taxpayers Alliance
Unlock Democracy
Hansard Society
Vernon Bogdanor
Constitution Unit
Reform
Campaign for Freedom of Information (Maurice Frankel)
Demos
IPPR

I would be grateful for views on possible panel attendees - please feel free to suggest any I have missed, or rule out any on the list. I would also be grateful for views on this general approach.

Ideally, we would want the first meeting of the panel to take place before Kelly reports, so once we have a broad consensus on possible attendees I will start arranging.

I will be providing separate advice shortly on a possible stakeholder event.

Many Thanks,
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