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Thank you for your email of 12 April requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You asked:

- Copies of all correspondence between Damian McBride and the Prime Minister and anyone else relating to his decision to resign.
- Details of the severance package that Damian McBride will be given together with copies of correspondence relating to the severance package.

Correspondence relating to Mr McBride's resignation is exempt from disclosure under S.40 (personal information) of the FOI Act. It is an absolute exemption and is not subject to a public interest test.

I can confirm Mr McBride received no severance package on leaving office. Severance pay arrangements for Special Advisers are set out in the Model Contract for Special Advisers which can be accessed at

www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/propriety_and_ethics/special_advisers/model.aspx

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request or wish to request an internal review, you should write to:

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You should note that the Cabinet Office will not normally accept an application for internal review if it is received more than two months after the date that the reply was issued.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Cabinet Office. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House



Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely

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