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Thank you for your email of 14 April requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You asked:

- What actions did the Prime Minister take during the period 10 April 2008 to 13 April 2009 to monitor the compliance or otherwise of his Special Advisers to their Code of Conduct, in particular - but not limited to - articles 5 and 6 of the Code.

I attach a copy of the Prime Minister's letter to Sir Gus O'Donnell asking him to strengthen the Code of Conduct for Special Advisers to ensure that any special adviser found to be disseminating inappropriate material will automatically be dismissed by their appointing Minister.

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
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Yours sincerely

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