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(by email only)

Dear Mr Bimmler,

REVIEW OF REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Thank you for your email of 16 December requesting an internal review into the Cabinet Office's handling of your request of 21 November. Your original request was for information on the use of Blackberrys, iphones and other handheld devices.

I note that you are only requesting a review into the Cabinet Office's response to the first part of your request, which I have reproduced below for ease of reference:

'Are ministers and other senior staff (eg. Chief Executives of Agencies) in Her Majesty's Government supplied with handheld devices such as Blackberry, iPhone or similar? If so, how many are currently supplied one and how is the breakdown in terms of different types used?'

I have now completed my review of the department's response of 15 December. First, the response was correct to confirm that the Cabinet Office does not hold information about what devices may be supplied to Ministers or senior staff in Government departments. Even within individual Government departments the information requested is unlikely to be held centrally. Therefore, I am satisfied that the response was correct to state that to provide the information requested would exceed the appropriate limit and, by virtue of section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 'the Act', the department does not have to comply with your request.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:



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Yours sincerely,
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