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(by email only)

*Dear Mr Bimmler*

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Thank you for your email of 22 February, received on 23 February, requesting the following information:

*"Are any ministers and other staff in the Cabinet Office as well as the Prime Minister's Office supplied with handheld devices such as Blackberry, iPhone or similar? If so, please provide the names and device model used of those who are currently supplied one. Please include job titles instead of names for those non-senior civil servants whose names cannot be given for privacy reasons."*

The Cabinet Office issues handheld devices to its staff who can demonstrate a business need, provided that they are used in accordance with the departmental security policy.

The disclosure of the names, posts and models used would lay the department open to an unacceptable threat from the unlawful use of this information to target the devices, and so as a matter of policy we are unable to provide you with any further details.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number below 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:

Sue Gray  
Director  
Cabinet Office  
70 Whitehall  
London  
SW1A 2AS

email: [foiteam@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:foiteam@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk)



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 your 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 Cabinet Office. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

*Yours sincerely,*

*Michael Pigott*

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