

**Rt Hon Alex Salmond MSP**  
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Mr Michael Shanks  
By email: request-7098-b7313b27@whatdotheyknow.com

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Dear Mr Shanks

Thank you for your email of 30<sup>th</sup> January 2009 requesting information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). You requested details of

- 1) How much time Mr Salmond spends on his duties as a constituency Member of Parliament?
- 2) How much time Mr Salmond spend on his duties as First Minister?

Information on how much time Mr Salmond spends as a constituency Member of Parliament is not held by the Scottish Government. However, you may wish to contact Mr Mark Maxwell at the following address:

Constituency Office  
Rt Hon Alex Salmond MP  
17 Maiden Street  
Peterhead  
Aberdeenshire

He may be able to provide information about Mr Salmond's work as constituency Member of Parliament.

To answer your second question I would refer you to information on Ministerial engagements which is published on a monthly basis 6 months in arrears. You can find this at the following website <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/About/14944/MinisterialEngagements>  
This should give you a flavour of the type, range and frequency of engagements undertaken by the First Minister.

If you are unhappy with this response to your request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review, by writing to the Permanent Secretary, Scottish Government, St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG. Your request should explain why you wish a review to be carried out, and should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter,

and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JMK', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Joanne McKinnon**  
Deputy Private Secretary