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Dear Wayne Tully

I refer to your request where you asked:

"Please advise the following:

1 - How many applications were received for the recent vacancy of "Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister"

2 - Where was the position advertised?

3) Is it a pre- requisite of the position to be a Conservative party member?

4) Where is the job description published?

5) What is the salary, including all perks associated? e.g. subsidised meals at Houses of Parliament, travel etc.

6) Does the appointment of the position without apparent interview or advertising of the position contravene current employment laws?"

The role of Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister is a special adviser position. The rules around the appointment of Special Advisers are set out in the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/25/contents>

The legislation provides that appointments of special advisers are exempt from open competition.

Details on the role and responsibilities of special advisers, including their involvement in political activities, is set out in the 'Code of Conduct for Special Advisers'. The terms and conditions attached to these appointments are covered in the 'Model Contract for Special Advisers.'

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/special-advisers-code-of-conduct>

Details of special advisers' pay are published annually. The last report was published in December 2016, and an updated version will be published in due course.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the FOI team. 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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The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to be 'J. Carter', is written over a faint, large, stylized 'C' or 'S' shape.

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