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Dear Robert Joseph Wagener

We refer to your request where you asked:

“The PM is the Minister for the Civil Service, but this role is always delegated to another minister. I know that Michael Gove has moved on from the Cabinet Office, but the role of Minister for the Civil Service is not always held by the Cabinet Office minister. For example, Gordon Brown appointed Tom Watson to be responsible for the Civil Service, whilst he was Minister for Digital Engagement and Civil Service Issues.

Could you confirm who the role of Minister for the Civil Service is now and provide copies of any public announcement made in relation to this change of appointment. I have, of course seen that Stephen Barclay is now the Cabinet Office Minister, but I have not seen an update that explicitly mentions him being the Minister for the Civil Service as well.”

We are writing to advise you that following a search of our paper and electronic records, we have established that the information you requested is held by the Cabinet Office.

This information is exempt from disclosure under section 21(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, being information that is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other

means. In this instance however, we are able to share the below information regarding your request.

The Prime Minister is the Minister for the Civil Service and has held this role since his appointment as Prime Minister on 24 July 2019. This is a matter of public record and is available via the relevant Ministers page on GOV.UK here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/people/boris-johnson>

The Ministerial responsibilities of the current Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office are also set out on the Ministers pages of GOV.UK, and are available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/people/stephen-barclay>. Those responsibilities include leading cross-government and public sector transformation and efficiency.

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
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. A. K.', written on a light blue background.

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