

CLG employs Sheridan Westlake and Giles Kenningham as Special Advisers to the Secretary of State, Eric Pickles. Their annual salaries are £64,500.

The majority of the information within the scope of your request is exempt from disclosure under section 21(1) FOIA, which is an absolute exemption, as it is information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. In this case, I would refer you to the Prime Minister's statement of 10 June 2010 which can be accessed at:

<http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/newsroom/statements/wms-special-advisers.aspx>

This information includes the *Model Contract for Special Advisers* which outlines the pension and redundancy/severance/release arrangements together with the *Code of Conduct* which all Special Advisers must follow.