

Thank you for your e-mail of 5 July 2011 in which you asked to be provided with information about the identities of Ministers in the Department for Communities and Local Government who had attended Ministerial lunches and dinners. You referred specifically in your request to those lunch and dinner events listed amongst information released by the Department in response to a Parliamentary Question about expenditure on the Government Procurement Card.

Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000. I apologise for the delay in sending you a response.

I can confirm that the Department holds information falling within the terms of your request and is able to provide you with that information.

The events at The Wolseley on 2 December 2008 and 5 June 2009 were attended by Baroness Andrews and officials of the Department. The first was to discuss the handling of forthcoming legislation, and the second was to discuss the handover of policy portfolios.

Detailed records for the event or attendance at the Boisdale on 3 April 2008 are not held. The transaction was made by the private office of Baroness Andrews.

The event at the Pump House in Durham on 7 July 2008 was attended by John Healey. This was a Ministerial working dinner with officials of the Department. It took place in Durham during a Ministerial visit to the area as part of the local government restructuring process taking place at the time.