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Dear Chairman,

The Cabinet Secretary recently wrote to the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee to inform him of the intention of Government departments to extend their policy of publishing hospitality for departmental board members. In accordance with this recently issued guidance, I am writing to inform you that the Department has today published on its website details of business costs of Director Generals and above and non-executive directors. This initial return covers the period from 1 April to 30 June 2009, and the Department will in future be publishing business costs in this fashion on a quarterly basis.

The return is available on the DCMS website (<http://www.culture.gov.uk>). I also include a hardcopy for your information.

Yours,

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JONATHAN STEPHENS
Permanent Secretary