

1. How many Christmas cards did you department issue for Christmas 2014? One – electronic card.

2. How many Christmas cards were issued on behalf of Ministers? One - electronic card to multiple recipients

3. What was the cost of printing Christmas cards from Ministers? Nil – electronic only

4. What was the cost of posting Christmas cards from Ministers? £0 – electronic distribution

5. Can I please have a copy of the artwork used on Christmas cards from Ministers?



6. Can I please have a copy of the mailing list used for sending Christmas cards from Ministers - including who from and to?

I regret that I am unable to release the mailing list and this information has been withheld as it contains details of third parties. The information falls within the absolute exemption to disclosure at Section 40(2) as its disclosure would breach one or more of the data protection principles in the Data Protection Act (DPA).

This information is the personal data, as defined by the Data Protection Act, of another individual. The first data protection principle in that Act states that personal data shall be processed (including any disclosure) fairly and lawfully and, in particular, shall not be disclosed unless at least one of the conditions in Schedule 2 of the DPA is also met. As the affected individuals in this case reasonably could not have an expectation that their personal data would be disclosed, to do so would breach the first data protection principle.

7. How many Christmas cards were issued on behalf of Civil Servants?

Nil.

8. What was the cost of printing Christmas cards from Civil servants? Nil.

9. What was the cost of posting Christmas cards from Civil Servants? Nil.

10. Can I please have a copy of the artwork used on Christmas cards from Civil Servants? Not applicable.

11. Can I please have a copy of the mailing list used for sending Christmas cards from Civil Servants - including who from and to? Not applicable.