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I write further to your email regarding your request to the Northern Ireland Office for the following information:

Details of sporting events attended by the department's ministers in an official capacity since May 2010

:: Details of any sporting events which the ministers were offered admittance to but which we not attended by ministers since May 2010

:: Further details of any other events - concerts, exhibitions, etc - which ministers were offered admittance to in an official capacity which they attended

:: Details of any other events - concerts, exhibitions, etc - which ministers were offered admittance to in an official capacity which they did not attend

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

We can confirm that we hold the information that you requested for both the Secretary of State and the Minister of State; this is provided in the attached annexes below.

Secretary of State – Rt Hon Owen Paterson MP

Details of sporting events attended by the Secretary of State in an official capacity, since May 2010;

GAA Final 19 September 2010

Details of any sporting events which the Secretary of State was offered admittance to but which he did not attend, since May 2010;

Super League Grand Final 2 October 2010

Magners Ulster Derby 28 June 2011

England Vs India npower Cricket Match 21 July 2011

Clifton Vs New Saints UEFA Football Match 7 July 2011

Randox International Polo Tournament 8 September 2011

Screening of England VS France Europe 2012 11 June

2012 UEFA Football Championship final Draw 2 December

Further details of any other events - concerts, exhibitions, etc - which the Secretary of State was offered admittance to in an official capacity and which he attended;

Chelsea Flower Show 26 May 2010

Portrush International Air show 4 September 2010

All Ireland Choir Competition 14 November 2010

The Garden Show 20 May 2011

Final Schools Choir Competition 13 November 2011

Details of any other events - concerts, exhibitions, etc - which the Secretary of State was offered admittance to in an official capacity and which he did not attend;

Concert performance by Ulster Youth Orchestra 21 August 2010

BBC Proms performance by the Ulster Orchestra 5 September 2010

Private viewing of Sargent and the Sea at the Royal Academy of Arts 6 September 2010

James Nicholson Wine Merchant Wine Tasting 28 October 2010

Performance by the Philharmonia Quartet of the Berliner Philharmoniker 19 February 2011

Northern Ireland Opera performance of TOSCA 2 April 2011

Opening of Surrealism in Irish Art Exhibition at F E McWilliams Gallery 28 May 2011

Opening of Titanica the Exhibition 31 May 2011

Royal Irish Regiment coming home concert 24 June 2011

Titles a Joint Exhibition of Public Sector Arts Work 6 September 2011

Northern Ireland International Airshow 3 September 2011

Crescent Arts Centre Robots Exhibition 23 September

Geraldine & Shane Bennett Fashion Show 24 September

Private Screening of Doctor's Who Christmas Special 15 December

Soldiers Charity Diamond Jubilee Concert 22 June

Private viewing at Clondeboye for Irish Art Auction Exhibition 9 May 2012

Chelsea Flower Show 23 May 2012

Minister of State – Rt Hon Hugo Swire MP

Details of sporting events attended by the Minister of State in an official capacity since May 2010;

None

Details of any sporting events the Minister of State was offered admittance to but did not attend since May 2010;

None

Further details of any other events – concerts, exhibitions etc – which the Minister of State was offered admittance to in an official capacity and which he attended;

Visit to Moravian Church, Gracehill, Co Antrim - 2 September 2011

Paris Airshow – 20 June 2011

Tour of Hugh Lane Gallery, Dublin – 29 October 2010

Details of any other events – concerts, exhibitions, etc – which the Minister of State was offered admittance to in an official capacity and which he did not attend;

Opening of Hampstead Theatre – 23 June 2012

Diamond Jubilee Concert – 22 June 2012

Private View Ava Gallery – 9 May 2012

Preview of Irish Art Sale – 26 April 2012

Private view of Titanic Experience – 30 March 2012

Queens University Belfast Commonwealth Day Celebration – 20 March 2012

St Patricks Festival – 12 March 2012

Private view at Clandeboye –7 March 2012

Pre-view screening of BBC1 Doctor Who Christmas Special – 15 December 2011

Canning Lecture – 22 November 11

Concert at the Embassy of Colombia – 21 November 2011

Private View of Irish Art Auction – 16 November 2011

Art Fund Lecture – 10 November 2011

Exhibition of the Society of Wildlife Artists – 27 October 2011

Swiss Ambassador Award Concert – 19 October 2011

Launch of Silent Revolutions Exhibition – 23 September 2011
Concert and Supper with the Ulster Orchestra – 17 September 2011
Beating the Retreat – 27 June 2011
Druid Murphy at the Hampstead Theatre – 23 June 2011
Piano Recital – 18 May 2011
Private view Important Irish Art Auction – 11 May 2011
Private View of Zoran Music – 7 April 2011
3D Fashion Photography – 8 February 2011
Swiss Ambassador Award Concert – 19 October 2010
NI Community in London Event – 14 October 2010
The Kenny Gallery - 8 October 2010
Launch of Elected Magazine – 14 September 2010
JTI Private Reception, Concert and Dinner – 17 August 2010