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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

Thank you for your freedom of information request dated 11 December 2007 seeking details of the ministerial diary of Des Browne MP.

Details of the Secretary of State's diary from the 16 July until 10 December 2007 are already available in the public domain as they have been given in response to Parliamentary Questions. They are available in Hansard at [www.parliament.gov.uk](http://www.parliament.gov.uk).

Please find below details of the official engagements attended by the Secretary of State for Scotland for the period 28 June to 15 July 2007.

From 28 June to 15 July Secretary of State attended various meetings in London and Scotland, including with Ministerial colleagues and officials from MoD and Scotland Office. On Thursday 28 June, Secretary of State attended Cabinet and had a phone call with the First Minister. On Friday 29 June Secretary of State attended Cabinet. On Saturday 30 June he had a meeting with the First Minister. He also attended the opening of the third session of the Scottish Parliament followed by the Presiding Officer's reception. He later had a meeting with Angus Robertson MP. On Sunday 1 July he attended a veteran's service in his constituency. He met with the Scotland Office special advisor and officials in Edinburgh on Monday 2 July, before meeting with Ministerial colleagues. On Tuesday 3 July he attended Cabinet and attended a reception for Scottish Peers in Dover House. On Tuesday 10 July, he answered Scottish Questions in the House of Commons.

The Scotland Office correspondence system shows that there have been 257 letters signed and issued by the Secretary of State for Scotland since 28 June 2007.

The Secretary of State does not chair debates in the House of Parliament. That is the role of the Speaker of the House and of Parliamentary Committees. Details of Parliamentary debates the Secretary of State has participated in are available at [www.parliament.gov.uk](http://www.parliament.gov.uk).

The Scotland Office does not hold information on which votes in the House of Commons Secretary of State has taken part in. The Secretary of State participates in votes in his capacity as a Member of Parliament.

Secretary of State divides his time between Scotland Office and Ministry of Defence business on a priority basis. The time spent on this is not routinely recorded. On a daily basis Secretary of State prioritises his time dependent on the issues that arise that specific day.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me at the address above. If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and you wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to:

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The contact details are:

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Yours sincerely

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