Thank you for your email of 5 November 2011 where you requested details on mobile phones within the Department. The full text of your question is at Annex A. Your request has been considered in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You should note that the Department currently uses both Vodafone and Orange as suppliers for mobile technology. In answer to your first question there are currently 892 mobiles (including Blackberrys) on issue within the Department.

In response to your second question I have attached an Excel spreadsheet detailing all payments made to Vodafone in the period requested [table reproduced below].

Vodafone payments

Posting Date	Amount
13/05/2010	£222.07
21/05/2010	£86.30
27/05/2010	£201.25
14/06/2010	£105.81
12/08/2010	£4,030.00
03/09/2010	£1,333.72
15/09/2010	£4,750.37
19/01/2011	£4,402.40
03/03/2011	£3,240.09
20/04/2011	£20,231.70
21/04/2011	£13,895.84
26/04/2011	£5,842.85
06/05/2011	£3,882.95
23/05/2011	£11,243.51
11/07/2011	£29,871.15
14/07/2011	£5,990.88
15/07/2011	£3,465.71
18/07/2011	£9,592.97
19/07/2011	£3,500.12
22/07/2011	£2,279.39
30/09/2011	£8,769.36
07/10/2011	£0.86
Grand Total	£136,939.30

Annex A

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act. Could you please provide the following information:

- 1) The total number of mobile phones/ smart phones/ Blackberry devices/ Android phones currently in use by your staff in your government department. (This can be given as one overall figure if this is easier).
- 2) Please provide a list of all payments made to Vodafone by your department since 11 May 2010. For each payment, please give the date and the amount of money in pounds sterling. Please provide this data in a spreadsheet format such as Excel, rather than PDF, if at all possible.