

DCMS Special Advisers Quarterly Return on gifts, hospitality and meetings with newspapers and other media proprietors, editors and senior executives

1 Jan – 30 March 2015

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HOSPITALITY RECEIVED¹ BY SPECIAL ADVISERS

Name of Special Adviser	Name of organisation	Type of hospitality received
Nick King		
14/01/15	21 st Century Fox	2 tickets to film screening
19/01/15	Royal Shakespeare Company	2 tickets to Henry IV
16/02/15	Sony	Concert ticket
23/02/15	BPI	2 tickets to Take That
25/02/15	BPI	1 ticket to BRIT Awards
Salma Shah		
14/01/15	Royal Opera House	2 tickets
16/01/15	Royal Shakespeare Company	2 tickets
16/02/15	Sony	Concert ticket
25/02/15	BPI	1 ticket to BRIT Awards
18/03/15	Sky	1 ticket to film premiere

¹ Does not normally include attendance at functions hosted by HM Government; 'diplomatic' functions in the UK or abroad, hosted by overseas governments; minor refreshments at meetings, receptions, conferences, and seminars; and offers of hospitality which were declined. * indicates if accompanied by spouse/partner or other family member or friend.

² Any gift from a firm or individual the retail value of which is £25 or more should be surrendered. (Gifts in the form of consumables which are over £25 should not normally be accepted). However, if the recipient wishes to keep it the Department will assess the value of the gift less £25. If the value is less than £25 and with the agreement of a Deputy Director staff may keep the gift or, if appropriate, share it among colleagues. The same rules apply to gifts received from foreign governments, government organisations or international organisations, except that the level at which a gift may be retained, with line management agreement, is £75 retail value.

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GIFTS RECEIVED ² BY SPECIAL ADVISERS

Name of Special Adviser	From	Brief Description of Gift	Outcome
Salma Shah			
Nil			
Nick King			
Nil			

SPECIAL ADVISERS' MEETINGS WITH NEWSPAPER AND OTHER MEDIA PROPRIETORS, EDITORS AND SENIOR EXECUTIVES²

Special Adviser – Salma Shah		
Month of Meeting	Name	Purpose of Meeting
January	Craig Woodhouse, Political Correspondent, The Sun	General discussion
January	Andrew Pierce, Consultant Editor, Daily Mail	General discussion
January	Claie Wilson, Features Editor at Fabulous Magazine	General discussion
February	James Kirkup, Deputy Political Editor, The Telegraph	General discussion
February	Anne Alexander, ITV Daybreak Political Producer	General discussion
February	Emily Ashton, Senior Political Correspondent, BuzzFeed	Introductory meeting
March	Guto Harri and Mark Burr, News UK	Introductory meeting

Special Adviser – Nick King		
Month of	Name	Purpose of Meeting

² Does not include details of meetings where special advisers attended alongside their Ministers.



Meeting			
March	Guto Harri and Mark Burr, News UK	Introductory meeting	nt for culture, media and sport