

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

1 October – 30 December 2014

HOSPITALITY RECEIVED¹ BY SPECIAL ADVISERS

Name of Special Adviser	Name of organisation	Type of hospitality received
Nick King		
08/10/14	BFI	Ticket to film screening
14/10/14	ITV	Lunch
26/10/14	NFL	Ticket to match
26/10/14	Talk Talk	2 tickets to concert
08/11/14	RFU	Ticket to match
09/11/14	Viacom	Ticket to MTV European Awards
14/12/14	Talk Talk	2 tickets to X Factor final
Salma Shah		
10/12/14	BBC	2 tickets to Wolf Hall Preview

GIFTS RECEIVED² BY SPECIAL ADVISERS

Name of Special Adviser	From	Brief Description of Gift	Outcome
Nick King			

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.

Nil			
Salma Shah			
Nil			

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

Special Adviser - Nick King		
Month of Meeting	Name	Purpose of Meeting
Nil return		

Special Adviser - Salma Shah		
Month of Meeting	Name	Purpose of Meeting
November	James Lyons, Daily Political Editor, Daily Mirror	General discussion
November	Jane Merrick, Political Editor, The Independent	General discussion
November	Martyn Zeigler, Chief News Reporter, Press Association	General discussion
November	James Forsyth, Political Editor, The Spectator	General discussion

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