

# Freedom of Information request 1459/2011

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## Information request

Please send me a list of hospitality and gifts given to Iain Duncan Smith or any other member of the Department for Work and Pensions by Google, Larry Page, Sergey Brin or Eric Schmidt.

Please also send me a list of hospitality and gifts given by Iain Duncan Smith or any other member of the Department for Work and Pensions to Google or any Google executives.

Please include any hospitality in the form of: use of private transport, use of private property, entertainment, meals, drinks receptions.

Please include all gifts.

## DWP response

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act allows us to direct you to information which is already reasonably accessible to you. Information relating to hospitality and gifts received by Ministers, Special Advisers and the Department's senior staff is already readily available and is published quarterly on the Department's website:

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/publications/corporate-publications/#ministershospitality>

DWP is a large customer facing Department of over 100,000 staff who work in offices which are geographically spread across Britain. To try and identify and retrieve similar information between the three named individuals you have cited or Google and any of its executives or vice versa would therefore be very time consuming and would breach the Freedom of Information cost limit.

The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for a central Government Department like DWP it is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

We estimate that the cost of complying with this part of your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £600. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.