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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 26 March, in which you asked for details of gifts received by the Foreign Secretary since taking office, including who the gifts were from and the approximate value of each gift.

I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request.

However, since 2001, the Cabinet Office has published a list of gifts received by Ministers valued at more than £140. Information for the last financial year was published on 22 July 2008 and therefore Section 21 (Information accessible to the applicant by other means) applies. The relevant information can be found at:

http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/propriety_and_ethics/ministers/travel_gifts.aspx.

The list of gifts for 2008-2009 is exempt under Section 22 (information intended for future publication) as this information is to be published in due course. The exemption under Sections 22 of the Freedom of Information Act recognises that it must be reasonable in all the circumstances to withhold the information if it is intended for future publication.