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Dear Mr Davis

I am writing in response to your request for *“all exchanges of correspondence from the start 1.1.11 to the current date relating to communicating from the Cabinet Office and the All England Lawn Tennis Club, about the provision of invites/tickets to members of the Government and civil servants at this year’s Wimbledon”*.

Details of hospitality to Ministers, Special Advisers and Permanent Secretaries for the period to the end of June has recently been published. None attended Wimbledon.

We do hold a letter from the Prime Minister’s diary secretary to the All England Lawn Tennis Club declining an invitation. A digest of the information in it is attached.

We do not hold a copy of the incoming letter.

The Prime Minister’s Office does not retain on file every item of correspondence it receives. This is purely a practical issue: the Prime Minister’s Office deals with hundreds of thousands of documents a year and to retain any more than a fraction would overwhelm the filing system and overflow the space available for storage.

We do not hold information showing that any other invitations were received.

I am copying this letter to the Information Commissioner's Office.

Yours sincerely

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**NICHOLAS HOWARD**

Mr Matthew Davis

**Letter to Mr Philip Brook dated 2 February 2011**

Many thanks for your recent letter kindly inviting the Prime Minister and Samantha Cameron to the Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon this summer.

It is a very kind thought, and I am sure they would love to accept. However a combination of existing commitments they already have, along with the enormous pressures on the diary throughout the summer period, mean they are sadly unable to join you and the Committee.

Please accept their apologies and very best wishes on this occasion.



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If you are unhappy with the level of service you have received from this office in relation to any aspect of your request, you may ask for an internal review.

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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