

## BACKGROUND NOTE

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1. Andrew MacKinlay is a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, and pressed Dr Kelly on his contacts with journalists during his evidence session on 15 July. The FAC have followed this evidence up with a letter requesting details of Dr Kelly's contacts.
2. The proposed answer lists the meetings that Dr Kelly has records of having held. In addition, Dr Kelly will have had contacts with journalists that are not in his records: such contacts would include seminars, and telephone conversations.
3. This PQ should be considered in conjunction with 4235N and the draft letter from PS/Secretary of State to Clerk FAC, both of which concern Dr Kelly's contacts with journalists.

**REMEMBER** you are accountable for the accuracy and timeliness of the advice you provide. Departmental Instructions on answering PQs can be viewed on the CHOTS public area and on DAWN. Please send to PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS.

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**DECLARATION:** I have satisfied myself that the above answer and background note are in accordance with the Government's policy on answering PQs, Departmental instructions (DCI GEN 150/97), and the Open Government Code (DCI GEN 54/98).

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