

8 February 2012

**CERTIFICATE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MADE IN ACCORDANCE
WITH SECTION 53(2) OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

In Decision Notices dated 12 September 2011 (ref. FS50347714) and 13 September 2011 (ref. FS50362603) the Information Commissioner ordered the disclosure of information contained in minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet Ministerial Committee on Devolution to Scotland and Wales and the English Regions, that took place in 1997 and 1998.

As an accountable person within the definition of section 53(8) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ["the Act"], I have taken the view that the public interest favours the continued non-disclosure of all the information that the Cabinet Office was ordered to disclose.

Therefore I am of the opinion that there was no failure falling within section 53(1)(b) of the Act, and I make this certificate accordingly.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dominic Grieve', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

RT HON DOMINIC GRIEVE QC MP

ATTORNEY GENERAL