

Senior civil servant took taxi journeys of less than a mile



Scotland's most senior civil servant enjoyed a string of chauffeur-driven car journeys of less than a mile – all at the taxpayers' expense.

Sir Peter Housden, who stepped down last month, was regularly collected from his office at St Andrew's house and taken to the Scottish Parliament just around the corner.

He also took trips from his Edinburgh home to Waverley Train Station and the Balmoral Hotel in an official car – a journey which would take minutes on foot.

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