

Cabinet Office hosts the Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall visited the Cabinet Office today (Thursday 13 February) to recognise the work it undertakes on behalf of Her Majesty's Government and to thank the civil servants from across government for their work on a range of issues.

They were welcomed to the Cabinet Office by Cabinet Secretary Sir Mark Sedwill and Permanent Secretary Sir John Manzoni, alongside the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster Michael Gove and Cabinet Minister Oliver Dowden.

This was followed by a tour of 70 Whitehall, a briefing on responding to national emergencies, and presentations from civil servants showcasing the breadth of Cabinet Office work, including:

- preparations for the UN Climate Summit COP26
- the Geospatial Commission's National Underground Asset Register pilots
- the Infrastructure and Projects Authority's (IPA) work on the Proton Beam Therapy Programme, which is helping to treat cancer in children

After the presentations, Their Royal Highnesses met with apprentices, senior officials and employees from all divisions.

Concluding the day, Their Royal Highnesses unveiled a commemorative photograph in front of staff to mark the visit.

Addressing Cabinet Office staff, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales said:

It is fascinating to see what is happening at the heart of the government in the Cabinet Office. I realise what an immensely important role you all play... and I greatly respect the value, the immense amount of intelligence, concern and real desire for public service.

Thank you for everything you do and the difference you make in this country.