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Nobody came: David Cameron and some of the guests he expected to arrive (Image: Getty)

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No10 had hoped for Harrison Ford , Nicole Kidman, Daniel Craig and Benedict Cumberbatch but only ended up with Cilla Black, Bruce Forsyth and Ronnie Corbett.

The A-listers all failed to show at the PM's Best of British Creative Industries party in June.

Labour MP Steve Rotherham, of the Commons Culture, Media and Sport Committee, said: "It was a schoolboy error . You should check your guests are going to arrive before you organise something like that.

"It would have cheaper for David Cameron if he hired a helicopter to visit the celebrities that did attend."

Tory spin doctors had hoped that some showbiz sparkle would rub off on Mr Cameron at the gala, which was held in the Foreign Office courtyard in June.

It was compared with Tony Blair's Cool Britannia parties in 1997 when the cream of Brit Pop musicians mingled with famous names from stage and screen.