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Your Reference:

Our Reference:
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Date:
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Dear [Redacted]

Your email dated 2nd February 2015 is considered to be a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You requested the following information:

I would like a list of the hotels Bernard Gray has stayed in during 2014, the duration of the time spent there and the cost per stay.

I can confirm that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) holds information relevant to your request. Details of the hotels at which Bernard Gray, Chief of Defence Materiel (CDM), stayed during 2014 at Crown expense are given in the table below. The table does not include any overnight hotel stays by CDM at his personal expense.

DATE	HOTEL/LOCATION	DURATION (days)	COST
15 May	Ashridge, Berkhamstead	1	£170.40
02-03 Jun	Double Tree, Cocoa Beach, Florida	2	\$419.58
10-11 Jun	Holiday Inn, Fort Walton Beach, Florida	2	\$417.36
14 Jul	Legacy Hogs Back, Farnham	1	£239.00
02 Sep	Glen-Yr-Afon House Hotel, Usk	1	£99.00
09 Oct	Blytheswood Hotel, Glasgow	1	£99.00
21 Oct	Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel, Brussels	1	£249.00
17 Nov	Mercure, Bourges Hotel, France	1	€157.00
01 Dec	Hilton Edinburgh Airport, Edinburgh	1	£75.00

Under Section 16 of the FOIA (Advice and Assistance), you may wish to note that, where appropriate, financial approval was requested and given for these hotel stays. It is also worth noting that the higher price of the hotel in Farnham was due to this being the period of the Farnborough International Air Show, during which local hotel prices tripled.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 1st Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

