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Thank you for your email of 24 November 2015 which requested the following information:-

“Under the FOI I would like to know why serving members of the forces were being accommodated at the 4 star Victoria hotel in Silema, Malta in recent weeks and at what cost and why they were there and not in barracks. ”

Your correspondence has been treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and we can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

The information you have requested that we hold at this time is outlined below.

As you are aware, during their recent deployment in support of the Armed Forces of Malta, UK personnel were accommodated at the Victoria hotel in Silema. The final bills for this accommodation have not yet been submitted by the service provider, so we are unable at this time to confirm the full cost. UK Armed Forces personnel were accommodated at the Victoria hotel rather than in barrack accommodation belonging to the Armed Forces of Malta as this was not available during the period of the UK deployment.

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 this office 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.

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Yours sincerely,
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