

FOI Request 0077-15

Question

Please let me have details of hospitality received by Edward Oakden, Director Middle East at the FCO, since the date he took this position (which is reported to have been April 2013).

Answer

DATE	DESCRIPTION
18/09/2013	V&A Museum/National Museum Authority of Qatar invitation to breakfast discussion for "Pearls" Exhibition
23/09/2013	Reception for National Day of Saudi Arabia
15/10/2013	Concert and dinner given by Lord Mayor of London
22/10/2013	Lunch with GCC Ambassadors
22/10/2013	Dinner with Chair, Arab British Chamber of Commerce
24/10/2013	Dinner, hosted by The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress
29/10/2013	Breakfast with Lord Powell about Middle East Scholarships Fund
31/10/2013	BP Business Reception 2013
11/11/2013	Annual Dinner of the Bahrain Society, hosted by the Bahrain Ambassador
14/11/2013	Genel Energy Annual Reception
18/11/2013	Reception for Oman's National Day
27/11/2013	Reception, hosted by Ambassador of Morocco
29/11/2013	Reception and Dinner, hosted by Royal Court, Sultanate of Oman
21/01/2014	Lunch with Sotheby's Board to discuss business development in the Middle East
30/01/2014	MENA dinner discussion hosted by Norwegian Ambassador
03/02/2014	Lunch meeting, hosted by the Netherlands Embassy with other EU Embassies – Edward speaker
04/02/2014	UK-Saudi Joint Business Council
05/02/2014	Lunch with Jordanian Ambassador
25/02/2014	Reception for the National Day of Kuwait
03/03/2014	Lunch with Omani Deputy Foreign Minister
03/03/2014	Reception in honour of Egyptian Minister of Trade & Investment, hosted by Egyptian Ambassador
04/03/2014	Breakfast with Nicholas Soames MP to discuss foreign policy options for the Middle East
05/03/2014	All Party Political Group breakfast meeting
25/03/2014	Dinner, hosted by the Ambassador of Bahrain
26/03/2014	Dinner - Global Islamic Finance Investment Group Meeting
31/03/2014	Lunch with Arab Ambassadors
12/05/2014	MEA Re-Launch Reception
06/06/2014	Lunch to mark opening of South Hook LNG Terminal (Qatar Ambassador)
03/07/2014	Reception to celebrate the US Anniversary of Independence
07/07/2014	BP High Level Dinner discussion on global energy challenges
11/07/2014	Iraq-Britain Business Council at Retreat
30/07/2014	Reception, for Anniversary of Enthronement of King Mohammed VI, Morocco
16/09/2014	Lecture and dinner at Chatham House with Thomas Friedman
19/09/2014	British Iranian Chamber of Commerce - Speaker at AGM lunch
23/09/2014	Saudi Arabia National Day Reception
30/09/2014	Working Lunch with the Ambassador of Qatar
02/10/2014	Dinner – as speaker: D Group
09/10/2014	BP Business Reception 2014

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16/10/2014	Dinner in honour of the French Institute
27/10/2014	Iran Discussion Dinner, hosted by Professor Gordon Barrass, LSE
30/10/2014	British-Kuwait Friendship Society - presentation of the Book Prize for Middle Eastern Studies
31/10/2014	Briefing and Discussion on the 10th IISS Manama Dialogue, IISS
04/11/2014	Dinner hosted by Egyptian Ambassador
05/11/2014	Dinner with Jordanian Ambassador
06/11/2014	Lunch with the Council of Arab Ambassadors
06/11/2014	Reception, hosted by ABCC, on the reappointment of their Director General
10/11/2014	Annual Dinner, Bahrain Society
11/11/2014	Lunch with Centrica Energy on business prospects in the Middle East
26/11/2014	All Party Parliamentary Group on Egypt - Inaugural Reception
13/11/2014	Farewell Dinner hosted by Ambassador of Jordan for the Ambassador of the UAE
21/11/2014	Lunch, hosted by the Egyptian Ambassador
25/11/2014	Dinner, hosted by Ambassador of Morocco to mark high-level inward visit
01/12/2014	Reception - National Day of the UAE
02/12/2014	Lunch with representative of the Sultan of Oman
04/12/2014	Dinner - GCC UK Forum
11/12/2014	Breakfast meeting - TheCityUK and the FCO
15/12/2014	Reception, for National Day of Bahrain
16/12/2014	Dinner with Ambassador of Oman
14/01/2015	Lunch with representative of the Sultan of Oman