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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 12 February 2016 which clarified your earlier correspondence and requested the following information:

*I would like a full breakdown of [Tony Douglas's] travel and expenses since 1 September 2015. Could you kindly also let me know what his title was between 1 September and 1 December 2015?*

*Specifically, I would like a full breakdown, including costs, for the following.*

- 1) *All travel undertaken by him*
- 2) *All hotels he has stayed in*
- 3) *All associated expenses*

I am treating your email as a request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000. A search has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. A breakdown of Mr Douglas' travel and expenses between 1 September 2015 and 12 February 2016 is at Annex A. No other associated costs have been claimed. Mr Douglas became Chief Executive of Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S) on 1 December 2015. Between 1 September and 1 December, he was DE&S Chief Executive Officer (Designate).

Under Section 16 of the FOI Act (advice and assistance), you may also wish to note that as part of the Government's Transparency Agenda, details of MOD senior officials' business expenses, meetings and hospitality are routinely published on gov.uk at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/senior-staff-meetings-with-external-organisations>. Mr Douglas's travel and expenses, now he is formally in post, will be included in this reporting in due course.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto: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,

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## TONY DOUGLAS TRAVEL AND EXPENSES: 1 SEPT 2015 – 12 FEBRUARY 2016

Date	Travel type	Location	Cost
9 Sep 15	Flight	Heathrow/Glasgow/Glasgow/London City	£265
13 Sep 15	Flight Hotel	Heathrow/Edinburgh Best Western, Dunfermline	£88 £74
14 Sep 15	Flight Hotel	Glasgow/Heathrow Millennium Hotel, Glasgow	£156 £148
6 Oct 15	Overnight	RAF Waddington Officers' Mess	£45
22 - 23 Oct 15	Eurostar	London/Paris/London	£157
27 - 28 Oct 15	Flight Hotel	Heathrow/Brussels/Heathrow Golden Tulip, Brussels	£116 €135
9 - 11 Nov 15	Flight Hotel	Heathrow/Washington Dulles/Heathrow The Dupont Circle, Washington DC	£2,636 \$358
14 - 17 Nov 15	Flight Hotel	Heathrow/Abu Dhabi/Abu Dhabi/Bahrain/Dubai/Heathrow K Hotel, Manama	£3,052 £124
20 Nov 15	Train	Oxshott/Derby/Oxshott (via London)	£194
7 - 8 Dec 15	Flight Hotel	Heathrow/Dallas/Fort Worth/Dulles Renaissance Worthington, Fort Worth	£6,847 \$149
17 Dec 15	Flight	Heathrow/Brussels/Heathrow	£146
8 Feb 16	Hotel	St David's Hotel, Cardiff	£92