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Email to: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 23 January 2015 in which you requested the following information:

For the financial years 9/10, 10/11, 11/12, 12/13, 13/14 and 14/15 to present, I would like a breakdown of every occasion a member of the military and/or their family has been housed in a hotel.

For clarity, this means when a members of the Armed Forces is put up in a hotel because permanent MOD accommodation is not available. It should not include hotel stays for courses/meetings etc.

I would like each entry to be broken down by county or region they were based, the name or brand of the hotel they were accommodated in, and how long they remained in the hotel.

These should be separated by financial years with a total cost to the MOD for each year.

I am writing to confirm that we are treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Service personnel are not usually placed in hotels when single living or Service family accommodation is unavailable. They may occasionally, and as a last resort, be housed in Substitute Single Service Accommodation or Substitute Service Families Accommodation. This is typically a flat or house sourced via our contractors from the private rental market at a level that meets the individual's official entitlement.

Hotels would only be used in lieu of this approach to meet a short term issue, such as there was in the Plymouth area in 2014. This was discussed in the Parliamentary Question tabled by Alison Seabeck MP (188345) and answered by Anna Soubry MP on 24 February 2014. The question along with the answer can be found at this link:

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140306/text/140306w0003.htm>

If you are not satisfied with this response or 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 Deputy Chief Information Officer, 2nd 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

Defence Personnel Secretariat