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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – REQUEST REFERENCE: 0144-16**

Thank you for your recent e-mail of 4 February 2016 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). In your e-mail you requested:

*'Please could you provide me with a list of the numbers and description of each type of bottles of alcohol that was used from the Government Hospitality Wine Cellar for each of the following functions which took place at 10 Downing Street.*

1. *Dinner for Chancellor Merkel and official party – 7.1.15*
2. *Lunch for the Premier and President of People's Republic of China and official party – 18.6.15 and separately 21.10.15*
3. *Lunch for the President of Kazakhstan and official party – 3.11.15'*

I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information which is relevant to your request. I should make clear that although wine is customarily made available at these functions, it is not necessarily served to, or consumed by, all the guests; indeed in some cases it was not.

The numbers and description of the bottles used are as follows:

1. Dinner for Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany: 7 January 2015
  - 3 bottles of white Burgundy
  - 5 bottles of red Bordeaux
  - 1 bottle of sweet white Bordeaux
2. There was no lunch for the Premier of the People's Republic of China on 18 June 2015, but rather a lunch for the Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland. You confirmed by email on 23 February you would like to include this function in your request.

Lunch for the Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland: 18 June 2015

- 4 bottles of white Burgundy
- 3 bottles of red Burgundy

Lunch for the President of the People's Republic of China: 21 October 2015

- 3 bottles of white English
- 5 bottles of red Burgundy

3. Lunch for the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan: 3 November 2015

- 4 bottles of white Burgundy

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Yours sincerely,

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