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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email received on 16 June 2014 requesting the following information:

*Please could you provide details of the total value of pay and other benefits provided to General Sir Nick Houghton. This would include the cost of accommodation provided to him (free, or at below market rates), and the cost of employing such staff as serve him personally, amongst any other benefits that might be provided to him.*

*Please break down the value of different aspects of his pay and benefits into such suitable categories as is possible.*

This has been considered as a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I am writing to advise you that following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is held by the Ministry of Defence (MOD). However, under Section 21 of FOIA the MOD is not obliged to supply information that is reasonably accessible by the applicant, by other means. Salary and benefits information for Financial Year (FY) 2012-13 can be found in that year's annual report and accounts at the following link:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/222874/MOD\\_AR13\\_clean.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/222874/MOD_AR13_clean.pdf) along with details of disclosed benefits-in-kind.

Additionally, under Section 22 of FOIA the MOD is not obliged to supply information that is planned for future publication. Information for FY 2013/14 will be published by the end of September 2014.

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.gov.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

Defence Personnel Secretariat