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Thank you for your email of 16 August 2016 which requested the following information:-

'Total cost incurred in the rehousing of the Royal Navy Commodore in Bahrain. This request is for the period October 2015 to July 2016. The request is for the total cost incurred by the taxpayer and should include:

*The reason for the individual to relocate at own will with non mod policy compliance.
The cost of this move.
The total rent losses to local agents'*

Your correspondence has been treated as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and our response can be found below.

The rehousing of the Royal Navy Commodore in Bahrain during the w/c 13 June 2016 was compliant with MOD policy for environmental health reasons: it proved impossible to restore the accommodation to a habitable state in a reasonable timescale and it was decided to move the Commodore to address the health and safety issues affecting him and his family. The cost of this rehousing was £2153.78. As part of the decision to rehouse the Commodore, it was assessed that value for money could be achieved by using the house, once the health and safety issue had been addressed, to meet a requirement for visitor/transit accommodation until the lease expires in November 2016. The residence has since been re-assigned for alternative use as transit accommodation, with the first occupants making use of the facility on 11 September 2016. The monthly rent of the residence is BD 2300.00. The Department will continue to pay this to the local agent until the expiry of the lease.

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 this office 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, 1st 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.

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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