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Thank you for your email of 26 January 2015 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

Please let me have details of hospitality received by Edward Oakden, Director Middle East at the FCO, since the date he took this position (which is reported to have been April 2013).

I am writing to confirm that we have searched the records we hold for the information which you requested and that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your enquiry. Please find attached the information that the FCO can release to you. Please note that Mr Oakden took up his position in August, rather than April, 2013.

You should be aware that we do not hold records of all hospitality— in his role as a Director and senior member of the FCO, Edward Oakden receives numerous invitations, and attends those which, directly or indirectly, help further the British Government's interests and objectives.

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Yours sincerely,

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