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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email of 24 January the Ministry of Defence (MOD) in which you requested the following information:

On 12 December 2011, former defence minister Andrew Robathan told the House of Commons that a new tri-service policy had been drawn up which revised the rules and regulations in relation to official hospitality provided by senior officers. (HC Deb, 12 December 2011, c63WS).

Please could you send me, by email, a copy of this policy.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Please find attached a copy of Joint Service Publication 915 – Tri-Service assistance Policy & Official Hospitality Policy for the Armed Forces and Civilians. This version is dated 8 August 2012 and remains the most current advice. Under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act, the names and contact details of MOD personnel below the Senior Civil Service have been removed from the attached document, as this constitutes personal information which is exempt from publication under FOI.

I hope this information will be helpful to you.

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Yours sincerely,


Defence Personnel Secretariat