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Thank you for your email of 28 September 2015 requesting the following information:

*"Please could you provide me with details of all meetings that the following MOD officials had with any members of the House of Lords, between 01 July 2013 - 15 May 2014.*

*The Department officials I am interested in are:*

- Philip Hammond (the then Secretary of State for Defence)*
- Philip Dunne (the then, and current, Minister for Defence Procurement)*

*For each meeting held, where a member of the House of Lords was present, please state:*

- (a) the date of the meeting;*
- (b) whether Hammond, Dunne, or both were present;*
- (c) the member(s) of the House of Lords who were present;*
- (d) If known, please also include a summary of what the meeting was about. E.g. "Discussing implications of the Defence Reform Act"*

You clarified your request on 22 October 2015 to refine your criteria:

*"only covers meetings with any of the following Members of the House of Lords:*

- Lord Freeman*
- Baroness Taylor of Bolton*
- Lord Powell of Bayswater*
- Lord Evans of Watford*
- Lord Hutton of Furness*
- Lord Patten"*

I am treating your correspondence 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 I can confirm that some information, in scope of your request is held.

One meeting in scope of your request has been identified and is detailed below:

- a) Thursday 29 August 2013.
- b) Philip Hammond attended the meeting.
- c) Lord Patten attended the meeting.
- d) The meeting was not MOD related but a personal lunch and subsequently no summary is held.

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). 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, <https://ico.org.uk/>

Yours sincerely,

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