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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST: REF: 1154-16

Thank you for your email dated 15 December 2016 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You requested:

- Please disclose the number of bottles of wine provided to the Department of Health and its ministers for each of the financial years 2015/16 and to date in 2016/17.
- Please provide a breakdown showing the types of wine provided for in 2015/16 and to date in 2016/17. For 2015/16, please disclose the names of the wines provided and their country of origin.

I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office holds some information relevant to your request. However, Government Hospitality (GH) does not provide wine to Government departments or Ministers unless it forms part of GH's overall service in the provision of business hospitality, as we explained in our response to your FOI request 1069-16, on 15<sup>th</sup> December. We do not record consumption of those wines by department or Minister. We have looked at your revised request and can confirm that you have narrowed the scope sufficiently for us to be able to respond substantively.

No wine was supplied to the Department of Health on its own in the period in question. As part of Government Hospitality's service the following wines from the GH cellar were offered at events hosted by Department of Health ministers between April 2015 and December 2016:

- 13 bottles of Chapel Down Bacchus 2013 (English white)
- 23 bottles of Chapel Down Bacchus 2014 (English white)
- 17 bottles of Chapel Down Bacchus 2015 (English white)
  - 8 bottles of Three Choirs Willow Brook 2009 (English white)
- 6 bottles of Breaky Bottom Reserve 2008 (English white)
- 20 bottles of Cotes du Rhone Domaine de la Bastide 2014 (French red)
- 16 bottles of Chateau Pichon Longueville Baron 1988 (French red)
- 3 bottles of Warre 1983 (Portuguese Port)

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Yours sincerely,

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