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Email address:  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 22<sup>nd</sup> January requesting the following information:

*"I would like to submit a Freedom of Information request regarding Christmas spending in your department. My questions are:*

- 1. How much money was spent on a Christmas/end of year 2015 party for departmental staff?*
- 2. Where was the party held?*
- 3. How many staff were invited and how many staff attended?*
- 4. Did staff receive any Christmas gifts?*
- 5. If yes, how many staff received gifts, what were the gifts and what were their value?*
- 6. Did staff receive a monetary Christmas bonus?*
- 7. If so, how many staff received a bonus and how much was the bonus?*
- 8. Did the Secretary of State receive a gift and/or bonus? If so, what was the gift, how much money was it worth, and how much money was the bonus?*
- 9. Did the ministers receive a gift and/or bonus? If so, what were the gifts, how much money were they worth, and how much money were the bonuses?*
- 10. Did the permanent secretary receive a Christmas gift and/or bonus? If so, what was the gift, how much money was it worth, and how much money was the bonus?"*

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

Please find below the information you requested.

I can confirm there were no Christmas parties held at public expense. No MOD staff and no Ministers received Christmas bonuses or gifts at public expense.

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](mailto: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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