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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST REFERENCE: 0005-16

Thank you for your recent e-mail of 4 January 2016 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). In your e-mail you requested:

'Since 1.1.15 to the date of this email how many official functions have been hosted at 10 Downing Street by the Prime Minister where wine from the Government Hospitality Wine Cellar was served?

For each event please provide me with the date, and the details of the party that was being hosted by the Prime Minister.'

I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold some information about official functions between 1 January 2015 and 4 January 2016 which is relevant to your request (see Table 1). I should make clear that although wine is customarily made available at these functions, it is not necessarily served to, or consumed by, all the guests; indeed in some cases it was not.

## Table 1

Date	Function and guest of honour
07/01/2015	Dinner for Chancellor Merkel and official party
23/02/2015	Chinese New Year Reception – UK/China trade promotion
04/03/2015	Lunch for President of Mexico, Mexico State Visit and
	official party
18/06/15	Lunch for Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland and
	official party
15/09/2015	Lunch for President of Poland and official party
21/10/2015	Lunch for President of the China,
	Chinese State Visit and official party
03/11/2015	Lunch for President of Kazakhstan and official party
05/11/2015	Lunch for President of Egypt and official party
19/11/2015	Lunch for Prime Minister of Slovenia and official party

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Yours sincerely,

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