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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0266-17

Thank you for your email of 14 March 2017 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

On 16 December 2016, FCO minister Alan Duncan said that “In 2014 a building on Diego Garcia was damaged. The perpetrators paid for the repairs and so were not prosecuted.”

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information

- I. What part of the building was damaged?*
- II. How was the building damaged?*
- III. What was the building used for at the time?*
- IV. Were any records in the building damaged as a result of the incident, either immediately or prior to full repairs being completed?*
- V. On what date was the building damaged?*
- VI. By what date was the building fully repaired?*
- VII. How much did the repairs cost?*
- VIII. Who were the perpetrators? I do not want names unless they are publicly known but please inform me whether they are civilian or military and their nationality.*
- IX. Which unit(s) investigated the incident?*

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested. I am providing the following answers to your questions:

i) What part of the building was damaged? Three walls in Room 23 of Building 7033 in Seabreeze Village, Diego Garcia.

ii) How was the building damaged? Room 23 had numerous holes in the wall including one through to Room 11. A baseball bat / golf club was used to make the puncture marks in the wall.

iii) What was the building used for at the time? Accommodation.

iv) Were any records in the building damaged as a result of the incident, either immediately or prior to full repairs being completed? No.

v) On what date was the building damaged? 11 April 2015.

vi) By what date was the building fully repaired? Unknown. The repair bill was raised on 4 June 2015.

vii) How much did the repairs cost? \$182.25 (the perpetrators contributed \$100.00 each).

viii) Who were the perpetrators? Two civilian Philippine contract workers.

ix) Which unit(s) investigated the incident? BIOT Police then subsequently referred to the Principal Legal Advisor.

I would like to point out that the answer to the PQ you refer to contained an error which has now been corrected in [Hansard](#). The building was damaged in 2015 not 2014.

Yours sincerely,

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