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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST REF: 0192-17

Thank you for your email of 22 February 2017 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

** Please disclose whether any staff in your department have claimed for Airbnb accommodation since 2014.*

If so, please disclose in each case the cost.

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested.

I can confirm the FCO holds information relevant to your request. This information shows that AIRBNB was used a total of 291 times from January 2015 to end December 2016 – we do not have AIRBNB data for 2014. The attached PDF file details the date of the transaction, the amount in GBP and the Merchant Name being AIRBNB. Negative figures are refunds from Air BNB.

Staff are permitted to make their own arrangements when booking accommodation for official travel but must ensure all costs charged to the public purse are reasonable and good value for money.

Yours sincerely,

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