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Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 1 November 2017. In your request you asked:

if you will provide us with details of the security advice, briefings and other correspondence provided by the Foreign Office to TUI Limited following the terror attacks in Bardo Museum in March 2015 in relation to its resorts in Sousse.

This request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as it applies to Public Bodies in England and Wales rather than the Freedom of Information Act (Scotland) 2002. We have considered timeframe of the request to be between 18 March 2015 and 26 June 2015, the date of the Sousse attack. I apologise for the delay in responding.

We gave the information relevant to your request to the Coroner, Judge Nicholas Loraine-Smith for the inquest into the deaths of the 30 British victims of the Sousse. For your convenience, we set it out below.

I can confirm that between 18 March 2015 and 26 June 2015, the British Embassy in Tunis invited tour operators in Tunisia to meetings to discuss concerns after the Bardo incident. I attach the documents relating to the meeting on 24 March 2015, which TUI Limited attended and in which general security of the Sousse resort was discussed. These are internal FCO documents and were not shared with TUI at the time.

In addition to this meeting, a further meeting was held between officials from the Tourism Ministry and tour operators' representatives. This meeting took place on 25 May 2015 at the

Ministry. It was preceded by a quick briefing at the Embassy. After the meeting, tour operators returned to the Ambassador's residence for lunch. While no record exists of the meeting, recollections by FCO staff some 12 months later were that the focus was on security arrangements and improvements on key tourism venues such as the Bardo Museum. The meeting also discussed other subjects including beach litter, work permits and tourist exit fees charged at the airport. I have included two emails related to the meeting on 25 May 2015.

Yours,

Counter Terrorism Department