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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 27 February 2019 requesting the following information:

"-When having meetings at Whitehall, what biscuits do you provide as refreshments?"

-How much was spent in the 2018 financial year on these biscuits?"

-Whose money is used to purchase these?"

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

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that all the information in scope of your request is held.

I can confirm that a selection of biscuits (milk and white chocolate, Viennese swirl, oatmeal and shortbread) which come in packs of two are provided in meeting rooms.

From April 2017 to March 2018, £7,845.48 was spent on these biscuits.

The costs for the biscuits are charged to the budget of the relevant business unit which booked the room.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) I can advise you that the other questions you have asked regarding travel will be answered separately under the reference FOI2019/02715 by MOD's People Secretariat.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely,

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