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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Further to our correspondence of 12 July 2022, we are now in a position to provide you with a substantive response to your request for the following information:

'This is an information request relating to a charge from the Norwegian Defence Department for Accommodation for £898,000.

Please include the following information about this payment:

- The reasons behind the payment
- The location of the accommodation
- The amount of time spent at the accommodation
- The number of people who used the accommodation
- The relevant dates'

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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

In response to your request, I can advise that the charge from the Norwegian military related to a settlement dispute with Norwegian contractors. It concerned the cancellation of a project to construct temporary additional accommodation for 3 Commando Brigade for use on their Winter Deployment 2020. The accommodation design was subsequently deemed unsuitable, and the final cost estimate did not provide value for money.

Navy Command made an ex-gratia settlement payment of £0.684million in good faith to preserve our relationship with the Norwegian Defence Department.

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

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail [CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk)). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may raise your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

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