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Bill

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Dear Bill

I refer to your email dated 19 December 2016 in which you requested the following information:

*Are GCSB employees provided with accommodation or accommodation supplements during their employment with the agency?*

In response to your request, GCSB employees are not provided with accommodation, however, accommodation allowances may be provided to GCSB employees for the purpose of business travel, transfer or relocation.

When travelling on official business or relieving duties, a GCSB employee may be entitled to an accommodation allowance for the duration of their travel or transfer. In addition, when a GCSB employee is relocated, GCSB may pay the employee an accommodation allowance to meet some or all of the actual and reasonable accommodation costs of the relocation.

In your email you also ask whether GCSB directly or indirectly paid for a particular individual's accommodation in 2013. For privacy reasons I decline to respond to this request in accordance with section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). For the avoidance of doubt, I do not believe the withholding of this information is outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available.

In accordance with section 19 of the Act, you have the right to seek an investigation and review of the refusal by way of complaint to an Ombudsman under section 28(3).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Hampton".

Andrew Hampton  
Director