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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0266-17**

Thank you for your email of 14 March 2017 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

*On 16 December 2016, FCO minister Alan Duncan said that “In 2014 a building on Diego Garcia was damaged. The perpetrators paid for the repairs and so were not prosecuted.”*

*Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information*

- I. What part of the building was damaged?*
- II. How was the building damaged?*
- III. What was the building used for at the time?*
- IV. Were any records in the building damaged as a result of the incident, either immediately or prior to full repairs being completed?*
- V. On what date was the building damaged?*
- VI. By what date was the building fully repaired?*
- VII. How much did the repairs cost?*
- VIII. Who were the perpetrators? I do not want names unless they are publicly known but please inform me whether they are civilian or military and their nationality.*
- IX. Which unit(s) investigated the incident?*

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested. I am providing the following answers to your questions:

**i) What part of the building was damaged?** Three walls in Room 23 of Building 7033 in Seabreeze Village, Diego Garcia.

**ii) How was the building damaged?** Room 23 had numerous holes in the wall including one through to Room 11. A baseball bat / golf club was used to make the puncture marks in the wall.

**iii) What was the building used for at the time?** Accommodation.

**iv) Were any records in the building damaged as a result of the incident, either immediately or prior to full repairs being completed?** No.

**v) On what date was the building damaged?** 11 April 2015.

**vi) By what date was the building fully repaired?** Unknown. The repair bill was raised on 4 June 2015.

**vii) How much did the repairs cost?** \$182.25 (the perpetrators contributed \$100.00 each).

**viii) Who were the perpetrators?** Two civilian Philippine contract workers.

**ix) Which unit(s) investigated the incident?** BIOT Police then subsequently referred to the Principal Legal Advisor.

I would like to point out that the answer to the PQ you refer to contained an error which has now been corrected in [Hansard](#). The building was damaged in 2015 not 2014.

Yours sincerely,

British Indian Ocean Territory  
Overseas Territories Department



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