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Dear Ms Newham

Thank you for your enquiry of 23 May 2023, in which you requested information regarding the cost of temporary accommodation for asylum seekers. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

### Information Requested

*I wish to enquire about the costs of housing asylum seekers on military bases. Can you please tell me, does it cost more, less or the same to house them on military bases as it does in hotels?*

### Response

The Home Office are still in the process of confirming site specific costs. However, I can inform you that the use of contingency accommodation for asylum seekers, such as hotels, is costing the taxpayer £6 million a day. Plans to develop these large-scale sites will ensure cheaper and more suitable accommodation is provided for people crossing in small boats.

If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to [foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk), quoting reference **76458**. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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Yours sincerely

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