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<p>It has come to public notice that Ian Callaghan, the Director of PBI Products, personally invited Chief Fire Officers and other Officers to an event on 3/4 October 2017 at Derby County Football Club to mark the 10th anniversary of PBI in the UK.</p> <p>The invitation included the following funded by PBI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a - golf on 3 Octoberb - dinner at a Michelin starred Indian restaurant on 3 Octoberc - overnight hotel stay on 3 Octoberd - international speakers seminar 4 October <p>Would you please provide answers to the following questions in relation to your Fire and Rescue Service which are made under the Freedom of Information Act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* did the Chief Fire Officer and/or other Officers attend the above PBI Events?* how many officers attended each of the above (a-d) aspects of the above PBI funded event?* was the above hospitality provided by PBI accepted and declared in accordance with the FRA financial regulations?* what was the value of hospitality accepted of each of the above (a-d) aspects of the PBI event?* is acceptance of such hospitality as above, offered by commercial providers of goods and services to your Fire and Rescue Authority, permitted to be accepted by officers of the FRA? <p>South Wales Fire and Rescue Service can confirm that our Chief Fire Officer did not attend the above mentioned event. We also have no record of other staff attending the event.</p> <p>“SWFRS has an organisational procedure regarding hospitality and gifts (OP-05.006 Hospitality and Gifts) which is applicable to all employees. South Wales Fire and Rescue Service is committed to carrying out our business fairly, openly and honestly, preserving the integrity and reputation of the Service, our members and staff.</p> <p>Gifts or hospitality which do not exceed £25 must only be accepted with the prior approval of the Director of Corporate Services or the Head of Business Support. Any Gift or hospitality offered to an employee, whether accepted or not, must be declared and entered into the Register held by the Director of Corporate Services.</p> <p>Gifts or hospitality which exceed £25 in value should not be accepted, unless the gift or hospitality is proportional to the circumstances (for example, lunch at a conference in London may cost £40 per person).”</p>			