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## **£50M IMPROVEMENT FOR SOUTH WEST MILITARY ACCOMMODATION**

Hundreds of service personnel and their families, including many across the South West will benefit from accommodation improvements sooner than expected, following a £50m injection from the Treasury – the MoD announced today.

The money, announced in the Budget on 22 April, is part of a Government boost to the construction industry.

The investment is being spent on improvements to RAF, Army and Royal Navy single living accommodation (SLA) and service family accommodation (SFA) throughout the UK.

Kevan Jones, Under Secretary of State for Defence, said: “The announcement to advance £50m for improving service accommodation is great news for the thousands of service personnel and their families whose homes can now be refurbished sooner than planned. These funds will allow us to target improvements at those returning from operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Welcoming today’s announcement, Vice Admiral Tim Laurence, Chief Executive of Defence Estates, said: “More than 1,500 Service personnel will benefit directly from this initiative. The advance of spend for capital projects, together with £10m of

funding which we have also made available, will allow us to accelerate our building and modernisation programme. This is excellent news for everyone.”

The Chancellor of the Exchequer announced in April that £50m was being advanced from the years 2010/11 and 2011/12 to the current year (2009/10) for spending on Service accommodation.