

27 April 2012

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0389-12**

Thank you for your request dated 2 April 2012 under the Freedom of Information Act.

You asked that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) should provide:

How many full-time equivalent staff were employed by the Foreign Office in:

- (i) 2008/9
- (ii) 2009/10
- (iii) 2010/11;
- (iv) the latest date for which figures are available?

I can confirm that the FCO does hold information relevant to your request.

Staff numbers for years 2008/09; 2009/10 and 2010/11 are published in the annual reports which can be found at:

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/publications-and-documents/publications1/annualreports/departmental-report/>

We are not obliged to provide this information to you as section 21 exempts information that is already reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. Section 21 is not subject to any public interest test.

The current staff figures (at 1 April 2012) are approximately 4,600 UK based staff and 8,700 locally engaged staff.

Human Resource Directorate