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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0033-12

Thank you for your request dated 10 January 2012 for information under the Freedom of Information Act ("the Act"). You asked the following questions under the Act:

- 1) Over the past 5 years, in total, how much money has the UK Government given to the Cayman Islands?
- 2) How is this money broken down? How much is in the form of a) loans and b) aid?
- 3) Did the UK Government fund specific projects on the Cayman Islands, or provide money which was ring-fenced for certain activities, over the last 5 years? Please provide details of these projects.

I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request.

The FCO has committed £635,046 over the past five years to projects in the Cayman Islands which support our criminal justice strategy, promote good governance and protect the Islands' environmental biodiversity. However, the FCO has not lent money or provided aid to the Cayman Islands in the past 5 years.

The project funds are broken down as follows:

Projects supported through the Overseas Territories Programme Fund (OTPF):

2007/08	£77,361
2008/09	£307,857
2009/10	£42,262
2010/11	£15,000
2011/12	£50,032

The OTPF provides a modest source of funding in addition to Territories' own resources and other British Government provisions and aims to support local Overseas Territories Governments, NGOs and others to increase their capacity and capability to meet current and future challenges, linked to good governance, security and disaster management.

Projects supported through the Overseas Territories Environment Programme (OTEP):

2007/08	£42,859
2008/09	£11,500
2009/10	£37,932
2010/11	£11,692

The OTEP funds small projects aimed at helping the Overseas Territories protect their valuable biodiversity, and to meet their international obligations on environment issues, mitigate and adapt to climate change, and investigate renewable energy sources.

Projects supported through the Tactical Fund:

2010/11	£15,152
2011/12	£23,399 (projected)

The Tactical Fund was created in 2010 to fund projects to support criminal justice systems in the Caribbean Overseas Territories.

The following table contains full details of the projects supported over the past 5 years:

Financial year	Projects supported	Amount
2007/08	<p>Through the OTPF:</p> <p>Various projects supported through the Governor's delegated fund* (including maritime security exercise, feral cat eradication on Cayman Brac, CITES training)</p> <p>Prison Officer training and secondment</p> <p>Review of Children's Law and Adoption Law</p> <p>Human Rights Communication Campaign</p> <p>Caribbean Prison Training School</p> <p>Through the OTEP:</p> <p>Scoping Study for Global Strategy for Plant Conservation Targets 1 and 2 in the Caribbean, carried out by Royal Botanic Gardens Kew (cross-Caribbean project, including but not specific to the Cayman Islands)</p>	<p>£25,565</p> <p>£4,093</p> <p>£13,946</p> <p>£20,594</p> <p>£13,163</p> <p>£42,859</p>
2008/09	<p>Through OTPF:</p> <p>Various projects supported through the Governor's delegated fund (including prison officer training and renewable energy project at Mission House)</p> <p>Donation to Hurricane Paloma Recovery Fund</p> <p>Prison Officer Training and Secondment</p> <p>Caribbean Prison Training School</p> <p>Training and visit to the UK to enhance knowledge of Drug Court processes</p>	<p>£29,223</p> <p>£100,000</p> <p>£6,787</p> <p>£2,187</p> <p>£28,620</p>

	<p>Good governance course targeted at Statutory Authorities and Crown Corporations</p> <p>Training to improve understanding of Kyoto Mechanisms</p> <p>Chief Immigration Officer Conference</p> <p>Energy Policy for the Cayman Islands</p> <p>Study to examine the effects of rising sea levels in the Cayman Islands</p> <p>Prison Officer Control and Restraint training</p> <p>Through the OTEP:</p> <p>Scoping Study for Global Strategy for Plant Conservation Targets 1 and 2 in the Caribbean, carried out by Royal Botanic Gardens Kew (cross-Caribbean project, including but not specific to the Cayman Islands)</p>	<p>£34,035</p> <p>£5,876</p> <p>£16,755</p> <p>£45,550</p> <p>£29,100</p> <p>£9,724</p> <p>£11,500</p>
2009/10	<p>Various projects supported through the Governor's delegated fund (including lionfish eradication, Youth Project in East End)</p> <p>Visit to the UK by members of the Royal Cayman Islands Police Force and the legal community to improve understanding of the application of the Proceeds of Crime Law</p> <p>Prison Officer Training and Secondment</p> <p>Through the OTEP:</p> <p>Shark and Cetacean Network for Conservation Awareness (carried out by Marine Conservation International, West Lothian)</p>	<p>£28,420</p> <p>£10,737</p> <p>£3,105</p> <p>£37,932</p>
2010/11	<p>Various projects supported through the Governor's delegated fund (including purchase of scanning chair for prison, contribution to construction of Education Centre in Wilderness Reserve)</p> <p>Through OTEP:</p> <p>Shark and Cetacean Network for Conservation Awareness (carried out by Marine Conservation International, West Lothian)</p>	<p>£15,000</p> <p>£11,692</p>

	<p>Through the Tactical Fund:</p> <p>Criminal Justice conference</p> <p>Cayman attendance at Firearms Working Group, Miami</p> <p>Police Training (Interpol)</p> <p>Cayman attendance on Eastern Caribbean Financial Investigations Advisory Team course, Antigua</p> <p>Parole Training</p>	<p>£5,125</p> <p>£1,222</p> <p>£2,160</p> <p>£1,699</p> <p>£4,946</p>
2011/12	<p>Through OTPF:</p> <p>Various projects supported through the Governor's delegated fund (including training for independent Commissions, support for Gender Equality Bill public campaign, At-Risk Children Early Intervention project)</p> <p>Through the Tactical Fund:</p> <p>Cayman attendance at Sexual Offences Conference, Barbados</p> <p>Cayman attendance at Parole Board Development Conference, Miami</p> <p>Cayman attendance at Witness Protection Conference, Miami</p> <p>Sexual Offences Conference follow up, UK</p> <p>Royal Cayman Islands Police Service support to Royal Montserrat Police Service</p> <p>Cayman attendance at Serious and Organised Crime Workshop, Miami</p>	<p>£50,032 (estimate – ongoing)</p> <p>£1,124</p> <p>£1,229</p> <p>£3,645</p> <p>£1,639</p> <p>£4,131.20</p> <p>£8,499 (projected)</p>

* The Governor's Office in Grand Cayman can provide more information about projects supported through the Governor's Delegated Fund. Please contact Tom Hines, the Governor's Staff Officer (Tom.Hines@fco.gov.uk) for more details about this. The Governor's Office website (<http://ukincayman.fco.gov.uk/en/about-us/the-uk-in-cayman/projects>) also contains some details about current projects in the Territory.