



Foreign &  
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Office

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Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – REQUEST REF: 0981-14**

Thank you for your email of 11 November asking for

- *A list of the delegation accompanying the President of Singapore on his state visit to the UK in October 2014 both official suite and non-official suite/delegation and attendants. excluding any security personnel. This is to be set out as per my previous requests of other state visits 1216-12 and 1256-11*

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested. I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request. Details of the information which can be released is below.

The President of the Republic of Singapore was accompanied by his wife, Mary Tan and an Official Suite of 10 people. In addition to the Official Suite, the President was accompanied at various points in his programme by officials, support staff, members of the media, Embassy staff and others. Information about the Official Suite has been circulated on the Monarchy's Court Circular which can be found online here: <http://www.royal.gov.uk/LatestNewsandDiary/CourtCircular/Todaysevents.aspx>

The names of the unofficial delegation/suite is personal data relating to third parties. It is our view that disclosure of this information would breach the first data protection principle, which states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. Section 40(2) and (3) of the FOIA therefore apply. It is the fairness aspect of this principle which we think would be breached by disclosure in this case. In such circumstances section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure. We do not therefore have to apply the public interest test.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the Freedom of Information Act, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless it is exempt. The information we

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Yours sincerely,

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