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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0864-16

Thank you for your letter of 3 September 2016 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

How much money the UK gave to the British Overseas Territories from January 2006 to August 2016. My request encompasses any financial aid to all BOTs at the expense of the British taxpayer.

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 does hold information relevant to your request. Under section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information relevant to your request can be found in the reply to a previous Freedom of Information request on the gov.uk website at the following address:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/457149/FOI_0501-15_Spending_OT_and_Crown_Dependencies.pdf

I have also attached a hard copy of the document for ease of reference.

The information above covers, where available, money given to the British Overseas Territories up to April 2016.

From April to August 2016, the FCO spent £629,593 on activity in the Overseas Territories.

Additionally, a new multi-year UK government fund to support the Overseas Territories was established in 2016 which will enable us to deliver real change against our joint priorities. No money was allocated to British Overseas Territories to the date of August 2016 but once operational the new fund will support activity in the areas of;

- Sovereignty Defence & International Obligations;
- Security, Good Governance and Disaster Management, and;

- Sustainable Economic Development.

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Yours sincerely,

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