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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0988-16

Thank you for your email of 19 October asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

'Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to provide me with the following information:

- a) A full itinerary of Alan Duncan's trip to Bahrain in September 2016.
- b) The purpose of the trip.
- c) Who accompanied the Minister on the trip.
- d) The total cost of the trip.'

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.

Sir Alan Duncan made a personal visit to Bahrain in September 2016 to fulfil a long-standing private commitment. The FCO does not hold a full record of his itinerary, but he met His Majesty the King of Bahrain and the Bahraini Interior Minister, Lt-General Shaikh Rashid bin Abdullah Al Khalifa. The costs of the trip were borne by Sir Alan Duncan. He was not accompanied.

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Yours sincerely,

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