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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST REF: 0694-16

Thank you for your email of 21 July asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. I apologise for the delay in responding.

You asked:

- 1. Does the Foreign office hold documentation which relates to staffing at Chevening.*
- 2. If the answer is yes can you please provide a list of staff by job title. In the case of each role can you please provide a brief job description and annual salary. Please do include full time and or part time and or voluntary posts.*
- 3. During the last six months has Chevening hosted a taxpayer funded event on its premises. These events will include but will not be limited to dinners, lunches, breakfasts, drinks receptions , banquets and parties. If the answer is yes can you please provide the following details. In the case of each event can you please provide a date and a time and a duration. In the case of each event can you please provide a basic description. For example was it a lunch? In the case of each event can you state the number of guests. In the case of each event can you provide copies of any menus and wine lists. In the case of each event can you please state the overall cost to the public purse. In the case of each event can you specify which Government Ministers and or officials were present.*
- 4. During the aforementioned period has any Minister who is entitled to use Chevening hosted an event on the premises which they have paid for themselves. These events will include but will not be limited to dinners, lunches, breakfasts, drinks receptions , banquets and parties. If the answer is yes can you please provide the following details. In the case of each event can you please provide a date and a time and a duration. In the case of each event can you please provide a basic description. For example was it a lunch? In the case of each event can you state the number of guests. In the case of each event can you provide copies of any menus and wine lists. In the case of each event can you please state the overall cost to the minister. In the case of each event can you specify which Government Ministers and or officials were present.*
- 5. Can you provide copies of any photographs held which relate to any of the events specified in questions 3 and 4.*

I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold some information relevant to question 3 of your request. However, 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, and under Section 22 of the Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is intended for future publication. Information on the Foreign Secretary's official use of Chevening in the period January to March 2016 is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ministers-quarterly-return-january-to-march-2016>. Information on the Foreign Secretary's official use of Chevening in subsequent quarters will be published on gov.uk in due course.

The Chevening Estate is not owned by the Government and is managed by independent Trustees. The FCO does not therefore hold documentation which relates to staffing at Chevening. The FCO does not hold information on private visits to Chevening.

Yours sincerely,

Foreign Secretary's Office



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