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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0755-16

Thank you for your email of 5th August 2016 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. Following your previous request, 0640-16, you asked:

Would it be possible to narrow the scope of my request please to a single year, and/or to provide at a broader level, i.e., hardware, software, IT services, IT outsourcing, advisory services, communications, staff (as defined in my original template)?

Wording of 0640-16

Please could you provide me with information about your ICT expenditure, as broken down in the attached template? I have included this template in order to make it easier for you to understand my requirements and provide answers.

I appreciate that you may publish contracts and transparency data, but I was unable to find the information to the level of detail I require in publish sources.

Within the response, please include:

- * Expenditure from all parts of your organisation (central services and business units);*
- * As well as your own organisation, expenditure for any subsidiary organisations that fall within the scope of your accounts; and*
- * Both revenue (or operating) expenditure and capital expenditure)*

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 – please see below, noting the following points:

- We are using the definition of ICT as ‘an umbrella term that includes any communication device or application, encompassing computer and network hardware and software, as well as the various services and applications associated with them’.

- The expenditure provided is for the Knowledge and Technology Directorate (KTD) only, and does not include ICT expenditure by other departments in the UK and in over 260 overseas posts, as these are managed independently. To calculate all the associated costs related to ICT expenditure would require the FCO to contact all our departments and posts to access the information, and this would incur disproportionate costs. KTD is responsible for the FCO's central IT platform.
- We have endeavoured to utilise the template that you have provided, however in some instances it has been difficult to split a cost which covered by more than one category. The figures provided are therefore an indication of the breakdown in FCO spend, but cannot be viewed as conclusive.

	2015/2016
Hardware	£15,131,949
Software	£5,517,223
IT Services	£16,399,703
Advisory Services	£6,815,365
IT Outsourcing	£45,736,741
Communications	£15,888,118
Staff	£7,606,593

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Yours sincerely,

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