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Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 1022-16**

Thank you for your email of 3 November asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. Your request was as follows:

*Under the Freedom of Information Act can I ask for the following information:*

- *On how many occasions has your department broken the Data Protection Act in the last five years?*
- *Have you had to deal with a breach of Data Protection Act that has been reported to the Information Commissioner that is recorded on your breach register (eg Confidential documents found in a skip/left on a train, papers never recovered or reports containing information being delivered to the wrong address.)*

*I should prefer to receive these in electronic format at this email address.*

*It would be helpful if you were to provide any brief notes which might be necessary to understand the context of the information provided, although I recognise that you are not obliged to do this.*

*If the information requested contains sections of confidential information, please blank out or remove these sections, and mark clearly that they have been removed.*

I am writing to confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) 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 you have asked for is published in our Annual Report and Accounts at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/annual-report-and-accounts>

The data can be found on the following pages of each Report:

2015-16: page 54

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Once an FOI request is answered, it is considered to be in the public domain. To promote transparency, we may now publish this response on [gov.uk](http://gov.uk) in the [FOI releases](#) section. All personal information in the letter will be removed before publishing.

Yours sincerely,

Knowledge Management Department



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