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Thank you for your email of 24 July asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

Please send all correspondence including emails between the FCO and the organisation Action on Smoking and Health between January 2010 and July 2015.

Please send all any agendas or minutes of meetings between representatives of the FCO and the organisation Action on Smoking and Health between the above dates.

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 and I have enclosed copies of the following correspondence:

Date	Details of Correspondence
12/03/2012	ASH letter to then Foreign Secretary William Hague on guidelines on engagement with the Tobacco Industry / Panama
26/03/2012	FCO response letter to ASH on guidelines / Panama
16/04/2012	ASH covering email and letter to FCO response of 26/03/2013
29/06/2012	ASH email to FCO on recent meeting regarding guidelines to overseas posts on the tobacco industry; suggestions for proposed updated guidelines
29/08/2013	ASH email on finalising the guidance
19/09/2013	FCO response to ASH email of 29/08/2013
14/11/2013	ASH email on guidelines to posts regarding public viewing
15/11/2013	FCO response to ASH email of 14/11/2013
6/01/2014	ASH email to FCO on linking revised guidelines to ASH website
9/10/2014	ASH email on FCO Imperial blog
27/03/2015	ASH covering email and letter regarding UK HC participation in BAT

	delegation to lobby Pakistan on tobacco policy
31/03/2015	FCO covering email and letter response to ASH letter of 27/03/2015
01/04/2015	ASH letter to FCO regarding FCO response letter 31/03/2015
9/04/2015	ASH covering email and letter to PUS on HC participation in BAT delegation to lobby Pakistan on tobacco policy
13/04/2015	ASH email to FCO PUS on HC participation in BAT delegation to lobby Pakistan on tobacco policy
15/04/2015	FCO PUS letter to ASH on their letters 27/03/2015 and 9/04/2015
09/07/2015	ASH email to PUS on HC participation in BAT delegation to lobby Pakistan on tobacco policy

In our correspondence of 24 August 2015, we explained that we needed more time to consider the application of the public interest test. Whilst we considered withholding some information under section 27 (international relations) and section 43 (commercial interests), we decided that this was not relevant in this case.

You will note, however, that there is some redaction in the correspondence provided. This relates to personal data relating to third parties, such as names, email addresses and phone numbers, the disclosure of which would contravene one of the data protection principles. In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply as our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle which states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. In such circumstances, section 40 of the Act confers an absolute exemption on disclosure. There is, therefore, no public interest test to apply.

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Yours sincerely,

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