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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0621-12**

Thank you for your email of 1 June 2012 asking for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) for the following information:

1. *The number of employees you have;*
2. *The number of different physical locations from which you operate;*
3. *The number of devices that you have that connect to your network;*
4. *The number of physical servers in operation;*
5. *The number of virtual servers in operation;*
6. *The main manufacturer of your telephone system (PBX);*
7. *The main manufacturer of your LAN network;*
8. *The main manufacturer of your physical Servers.*

I can confirm that the FCO does hold information relevant to your request.

**Questions 1 and 2:**

The FCO employs over 14,000 people in 170 countries and has nearly 270 diplomatic offices worldwide. Further details can be found at:

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/about-us>.

**Questions 3, 4 and 5:**

Under section 21 of the FOIA, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. Metrics data has already been published that would cover questions 4 and 5, plus question 3 in part. The data was published as part of the Cabinet Office's ICT Strategy update paper on 24 May 2012. Information relevant to your request can be found at:

<http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/one-year-on-implementing-government-ict-strategy>.

**Questions 6, 7 and 8:**

Answers to your questions are Mitel, Cisco and Hewlett Packard respectively.