



Foreign &  
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Office

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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0423-13**

Thank you for your email of 7 May 2013 asking the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO):

- a) *How many computers have been cleansed of malware (e.g. virus, worm) since 1 January 2012?*
- b) *How many computers have been taken off the department network because of malware (e.g. virus, worm) infection, since 1 January 2012?*
- c) *How many servers have been cleansed of malware (e.g. virus, worm) since 1 January 2012?*
- d) *How many servers have been taken off the department network because of malware (e.g. virus, worm) infection, since 1 January 2012?*

The FCO can neither confirm nor deny that it holds information relevant to your request, as the duty in Section 1(1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, does not apply by virtue of Sections 23(5) and 24(2) of the Act. To the extent that Section 24(2) of the Act applies, we have determined that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exclusion of the duty to confirm or deny outweighs the public interest in confirming whether the FCO holds the information, and that to give a statement of the reasons for this would involve the disclosure of information which would itself be exempt information. Therefore, under Section 17(4) of the Act, the FCO is not obliged to give such a statement. However, this should not be taken as evidence that any further information that would meet your request exists or does not exist.