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Thank you for your letter of 2 October asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

“On how many occasions have the British Government sought assurances from Algeria under the Deportation with Assurances (DWA) scheme in each of the past 4 years or such lesser period as falls within S.12 of the FOI Act in respect of non-extradition cases i.e. deportation cases. What was the period from initial approach to the conclusion in each case.”

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.

The Foreign & Commonwealth Office has sought assurances from the Algerian Government on one occasion in the last four years, under the DWA policy. The Algerian Government provided the requested assurance in less than one week.

Should you require further information on the British Government's DWA policy in relation to Algeria, the exchange of letters between the British and Algerian Governments can be found at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/memoranda-of-understanding-on-deportations-with-assurances-dwa-algeria. Additionally, the website of the Special Immigration and Appeals Commission (SIAC) provides details of its decisions on the Algerian DWA cases at: www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/special-immigration-appeals-commission/decisions. We are also awaiting a judgment from the Court of Appeal in the group of Algerian cases known as W & Others.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the Freedom of Information Act, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless it is exempt. The information we have supplied to you may now be published on our website together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context.

Yours sincerely,

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