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Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0824-13**

Thank you for your email of 9th September 2013 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

1. *How much money have you spent on Sky television subscriptions since May 2010?*
2. *Which Sky packages are you subscribed to (e.g. sport, movies, HD etc.)?*
3. *For what reasons are you subscribed to these packages?*
4. *How many televisions do the department have access to?*
5. *Are these in the private offices of ministers and secretaries of state?*

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.

In response to questions 1 and 2, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office does not have any subscriptions to SKY and has not spent any money in the UK on Sky television subscriptions in the timeframe you've specified. This does not include any subscriptions sourced overseas as, with some 260 locations, it would incur disproportionate cost to capture this data. We have therefore interpreted your request to be for information we hold in the UK only.

In answer to your Question 4, the Department does have access to 164 television sets in the UK.

These televisions are in a variety of locations including: communal areas such as the canteens, department offices such the Crisis Management Department and Press and Digital Department for up to the minute news coverage, and the private offices of Ministers.

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,

Corporate Procurement Group



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