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Freedom Of Information Request: 0163-14

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 10 February 2014. In your request you asked for:

- '1. The yearly running costs of the UK embassy in Oman from 2008-2013;*
- 2. The number of locally employed staff members from 2008-2013, and the number of Foreign and Commonwealth Office officials working at the embassy during the same time period;*
- 3. How much has the Foreign and Commonwealth Office allocated/spent on embassy upgrades and improvements to the garden and leisure facilities between 2008-2013?*
- 4. The monthly salary accrued by the lowest paid locally employed person.'*

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested. This information is attached.

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Yours sincerely,

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Digest for 0163-14

You asked: I would like some information on the running costs of the UK embassy in Muscat, Oman, from 2008-2013. Included in these figures would be a breakdown on the total number of locally employed staff and those who're Foreign and Commonwealth Office employees.

Under the terms of the Act, please provide the following information:

1) The yearly running costs of the UK embassy in Oman from 2008-2013.

Answer: The budget allocations between 2008 and 2013 are:

2008-2009	£1,063,840
2009-2010	£1,184,971
2010-2011	£1,413,117
2011-2012	£1,356,921
2012-2013	£1,200,275
2013-2014	£1,436,077

2) The number of locally employed staff members from 2008-2013, and the number of Foreign and Commonwealth Office officials working at the embassy during the same time period.

Answer: The number of locally employed staff between 2008 and 2013 were:

2008	53
2009	56
2010	55
2011	56
2012	51
2013	51

The number of UK Based staff can be found on our website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/world/organisations/british-embassy-muscat>

3) How much has the Foreign and Commonwealth Office allocated/spent on embassy upgrades and improvements to the garden and leisure facilities between 2008-2013?

Answer: Nil

4) The monthly salary accrued by the lowest paid locally employed person.

Answer: The lowest paid locally member of staff at the British Embassy during the time period was:

2008	OMR 362 per month
2009	OMR 403 per month
2010	OMR 413 per month
2011	OMR 413 per month
2012	OMR 413 per month
2013	OMR 437 per month