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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0829-13**

Thank you for your email of 09 September 2013 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

*How much money has your department spent on helicopter travel for ministers?*

*How much money has your department spent on helicopter travel for secretaries of state?*

*How much money has your department spent on helicopter travel for senior civil servants?*

Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit has been specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. For central government the appropriate limit is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 3 ½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it. Your request as presently formulated does not contain a timeframe and I estimate that it will take more than 3 ½ working days to locate, retrieve and extract this information. In these circumstances we are not obliged under the Act to comply with your request. You may therefore wish to refine your request to narrow its scope to bring it within the appropriate limit. You may wish to specify a specific financial year(s).

However, I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office has not spent any money on helicopters for the Foreign Secretary, FCO Ministers or Senior Civil Servants in the last financial year.

You can also find out more about previous FOI replies published on our website at [Publications - Inside Government - GOV.UK](#).

Yours sincerely,

Human Resources Directorate



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