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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST REF: 0643-14

Thank you for your email of 26 June 2014 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

'I would like to make a Freedom of Information request concerning any data your department holds on:

- 1. The number of e-petitions (or "electronic-petition" or "online petition") the department has received from the government e-petition website since 2011*
- 2. The number of e-petitions the department has received from non-government sources since 2011*
- 3. Any demographic information on the signers of e-petitions the department has received*
- 4. The results of any surveys that the department may have carried out with the signers of any e-petitions the department has received*
- 5. Any research carried out by the department on the use of e-petitions*
- 6. Any internal department policies on responding to e-petitions'*

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 not hold information relevant to your questions 2 to 6 above.

Regarding question 1 above, I can confirm that the FCO has received 2481 e-petitions (up to 16 July 2014) since 2011.

The FCO does not hold information on questions 2 and 3 above. For question 4, the FCO has not issued any surveys. For question 5, the FCO has not carried out any such research. For question 6, the FCO responds to e-petitions in accordance with the terms and conditions set by the Leader of the House of Commons' Office which has responsibility for e-petitions.

Yours sincerely,

Parliamentary Relations Department



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