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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 1195-13

Thank you for your email of 16 December 2013 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked for:

The amount spent on Entertainment in the British Embassies in...The Hague...during the calendar years of 2012 and to date in 2013.

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.

It might be helpful to explain that the purpose of 'Direct Entertainment Expenses' and 'Representational Requirements' is to establish and cultivate contacts throughout our network of over 260 overseas posts in order to promote British interests. In response to your questions, the total net spend on 'Direct Entertainment Expenses' and 'Representational Requirements' in The Hague for 2012 was £24,409.99 and £29,483.41 for 2013.

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Yours sincerely,

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