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Thank you for your email of 21 February 2014 requesting under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) information relating to language and interpretation tenders, particularly relating to the Polish language.

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.

As a UK Government Department, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office has access to the following framework contracts for the provision of services in the fields of translation, interpreting and language skills:

- The Pan-Government Framework for Translation, Transcription & Ancillary Services, which is managed by the Crown Commercial Service, came into effect on 1 January 2012 and terminates on 31 December 2015 (for further information on this framework, please see <http://ccs.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/contracts/rm987>). The framework was awarded to K-International and The Big Word.
- The Pan-Government Framework for Face-to-Face Interpreting Services and Language Skills, which is also managed by the Crown Commercial Service, came into effect on 17 January 2011 and terminates on 10 January 2015 (for further information, please see <http://ccs.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/contracts/rm738>). Lot 1 of the framework (Interpreting Services) was awarded to Language Line Limited, Prestige Network Ltd and The Big Word. Lot 2 of the framework (Language Skills) was awarded to Communicaid Group Ltd, Language Services Direct Ltd, Professional Language Solutions Ltd, Rosetta Stone (UK) Ltd and Saint George International Ltd.

Invitations to tender are issued (and the corresponding framework contracts are awarded) for groups of languages rather than just one specific language. As such, the frameworks listed above will also cover Polish translation and interpreting, both from and into English. As the above frameworks are let and managed by the Crown Commercial Service, questions relating to the budget and contract value will need to be put directly to that body. Further information about how to contact them can be found at <http://ccs.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/>.

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

Yours sincerely,

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