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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0824-14**

Thank you for your email of 20 August asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

*The total number of prisoners who have been held in the prison on Diego Garcia since it was so designated by order of the Commissioner for the Territory in December 2001;*

*The total period of time for which each of those prisoners has been held, including, where available, the date of arrest and date of release;*

*The nationality of each of those prisoners.*

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.

I have enclosed a table which summarises the information held by the FCO pertinent to your request. The information held relates almost exclusively to individuals detained in connection with illegal fishing or to civilian contractors arrested and/or charged with minor offences.

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Yours sincerely,

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