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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...Ankara...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. We have taken your request to mean both our Embassy in Ankara and Consulate in Istanbul.

I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request. This information is set out below:

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

During 2012 the combined spend of Posts in Turkey for Direct Entertainment Expenses and Representational Requirements was £75,919. For 2013 this figure was £81,868. Both figures are in line with the budget allocation.

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