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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 1054-14

Thank you for your email of 19 November asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

I would like to make an FOI. Please may you provide me with the following information:

1) Have there been any meetings between any members of your department and any representative of Glencore over the last 180 days?

If yes, then please answer 2, otherwise no need for any of the following:

2) Was Rio Tinto mentioned during this meeting?

If yes, then please answer 3 and 4:

3) Who were the representatives from Glencore?

4) What is the summary of the discussion that related to Rio Tinto?

You later clarified, on 20 November that you were interested in information related to meetings or exchanges between Australia and the UK.

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information requested. We have restricted this search to our overseas missions in Australia and the London department at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) responsible for the UK's relationship with Australia.

I can confirm that the FCO does hold information relevant to your request.

- 1) The Director General of UK Trade and Investment for Australia and New Zealand, based in Sydney, has met an official from Glencore at 3 functions over the last 180 days.
- 2) Rio Tinto was not discussed on any of these occasions.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the Freedom of Information Act, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless it is exempt. The information we have supplied to you may now be published on our website together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context.

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Yours sincerely,

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