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Freedom of Information Request: 1102-13

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 20 November 2013. In your request you asked for:

- I would like to know how much money was spent in the past 12 months on hospitality at the British High Commission in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- Please also give me a list of hospitality events that were held at the High Commission over the same period, and the cost of each event.

I am writing to confirm that the FCO has now completed its search for the information you requested. I can confirm that the FCO does hold information which falls within the scope of your request. A copy of the information which can be released to you is enclosed.

As I am sure you're aware, business hospitality is important in pursuit of foreign policy objectives and UK interests, such as our prosperity goals.

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Please contact me if you have any queries about this letter.

Yours sincerely,

South Asia Department



- Overall Business Hospitality spending for the past 12 months = £29,907
- List of Hospitality Events from Nov 2012 Oct 2013 (It is not then possible to offer a breakdown in cost of each individual event since much of the costs are taken from stock bought in bulk.)

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		No of
Date	Name of Event	Guests
4.11.12	Reception	150
10.12.12	Reception	100
23.12.12	Drinks	43
13.1.13	Reception	20
14.1.13	Concert	100
4.2.13	Reception	70
18.2.13	Dinner	12
27.2.13	Reception	82
10.3.13	Reception	60
13.3.13	Reception	90
24.3.13	Reception	50
6.4.13	Reception	150
24.4.13	Reception	35
30.5.13	Dinner	50
3.6.13	Dinner	12
5.6.13	Reception	100
19.6.13	Press Conference	62
2.7.13	Dinner	35
4.7.13	Reception	30
21.7.13	Iftar/Dinner	20
1.8.13	Iftar	24
9.9.13	Reception	14
25.9.13	Reception	33
30.9.13	Reception	40
14.10.13	Reception	100
30.10.13	Reception	40