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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0805-14

Thank you for your email of 15 August asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

Please provide the following under freedom of information legislation:

The total costs associated with replacing William Hague with Philip Hammond as Foreign Secretary.

It may include, for example, costs involving staff changes, such as redundancies and legal fees, as well as bills for taxi bills and removal of office equipment and furniture, etc. Please include a breakdown of the costs in any response.

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the costs of replacing William Hague with Philip Hammond as Foreign Secretary. My replies of 16 September and 15 October advised that we needed more time to consider the public interest test under section 22 (information intended for future publication). After further consideration of the public interest we have decided that this exemption no longer applies in this case.

The information held by the private offices shows that the costs of replacing William Hague with Philip Hammond were managed by existing staff and procedures. There were no additional removal, transport or furniture costs. There were no redundancies.

Yours sincerely,

Human Resources Directorate



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