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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 1133-14

Thank you for your email of 16 December asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

“1. What were the total resource costs to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office for dealing with FOI requests for the year 2014, and separately, 2013?”

2. How many requests were submitted in each of these years (up until the most recent point where data is available)?”

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.

In 2013 the Foreign and Commonwealth Office received 1225 FOI¹ requests.

By 16 December 2014 the FCO had received 1134 FOI² requests.

Every department in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office has a responsibility for responding to requests under the Freedom of Information Act. Therefore, with multiple departments, often involving staff overseas, it is difficult to calculate how much staff time is spent on FOI requests. We do not routinely monitor how much staff time is spent on answering FOIs, therefore we do not know the cost.

¹ The figure includes 7 requests under the Environmental Information Regulations

² The figure includes 9 requests under the Environmental Information Regulations

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Yours sincerely

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