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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0883-15

Further to my letter to you of 6 October about your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I am now in a position to give you a substantive reply. You asked:

I'm hereby making a formal request for copies of the Bank reports and the Forensic Audit (funded exclusively by DFID) of the two indigenous banks on Anguilla - namely the National Bank of Anguilla Ltd (NBA) and the Caribbean Commercial Bank Ltd (CCB) 2015. I was recently informed that the reports have been submitted to the authorities.

On 11 September you confirmed:

I am referencing specifically the assessment done on the two local banks -NBA and CCB - outlining the reasons why the banks had to be intervened.

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 some of the information relevant to your request. However, under section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The Chief Minister released a press statement detailing the contents of the "Forensic Audit" report on 3 November, which is now available on the website of The Anguillian: <http://theanguillian.com/2015/11/government-publishes-key-findings-on-nba-ccb/>.

As this information is publically available the consideration of the exemptions at section 22, section 27 and section 40 no longer apply.

We do not hold the assessment reports you are seeking on NBA and CCB. These were written by the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank and shared with the Government of Anguilla only.

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Yours sincerely,

Caribbean Territories and Strategy Department.



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