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Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0968-16**

Thank you for your email of 13 October 2016 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

1. *In November 2015, David Cameron pledged £6.6million to support Sri Lanka from the cross-Government Conflict, Stability and Security Fund (CSSF), previously called the Conflict Pool. Here is the announcement:*  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/chogm-2015-uk-steps-up-reconciliation-and-human-rights-support-for-sri-lanka>

*Please can you disclose:*

- a) *How much of this £6.6million was spent by October 13, 2016.*
  - b) *The names of each project funded by the money spent by October 13, 2016, how much went to each project, a description of what the money has been used for, names of recipient groups and names of other agencies, NGOs, charities or businesses worked with on each project.*
  - c) *The names of each project planned to be funded by the money from October 13, 2016, how much is planned to be spent on each, a description of what the money will be used for, names of planned recipient groups and names of any other agencies, NGOs, charities or businesses planned to work with on each project.*
2. *How much money from the cross-Government Conflict, Stability and Security Fund (CSSF) – or the Conflict Pool – was spent on Sri Lanka in each of the following financial years:*
    - 2010/11
    - 2011/12
    - 2012/13
    - 2013/14
    - 2014/15
    - 2015/16

3. How much total aid went to Sri Lanka in each of the following financial years:

-2010/11

-2011/12

-2012/13

-2013/14

-2014/15

-2015/16

4. How much total aid is pledged or expected to go to Sri Lanka for each of the following financial years:

-2016/17

-2017/18

-2018/19

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.

1.

- a) The total amount spent by 13 October 2016 was £525,477. Please note that the announcement by the former Prime Minister in November 2015 referred to funding over a three year period beginning in FY 16/17.
- b) The following projects have commenced as of 13 October 2016:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Embedding community policing practices within the Sri Lankan Police Service</b>
Activity	Training of police officers on the Community Policing Operational Management Manual; development of a women's and children's database to provide a central source to cross-reference cases involving women and children
Spend	£124,051 (to Oct 2016) of £289,953 FY 16/17 budget
Implementing Partner	The Asia Foundation
Other Agencies	N/A

<b>Project</b>	<b>Supporting government of Sri Lanka to develop effective transitional justice mechanisms in line with UK &amp; UNHRC objectives</b>
Activity	Technical assistance to the Secretariat for the Co-ordination of Reconciliation Mechanisms (SCRM)
Spend	£260,000 (to Oct 2016) of £397,539 FY 16/17 budget
Implementing Partner	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Other Agencies	N/A

<b>Project</b>	<b>Strengthening capacity and capability within the anti-bribery and corruption agencies and to enable them to operate more effectively internationally</b>
Activity	English language training for international investigators; future project activities to be determined
Spend	£43,885 (to Oct 2016) of £145,000 FY 16/17 budget
Implementing Partner	British Council

Other Agencies N/A

Project Administrative Costs  
Spend £97,541 (to Oct 2016) of £235,000 FY 16/17 budget  
Implementing Partner Foreign and Commonwealth Office

c) In addition to the projects listed above, the following projects are planned or are in progress with forecast expenditure:

**Project** **Increasing professionalism in the Sri Lankan Police Service through improved training in criminal investigation and public order**

Activity Bespoke training to improve criminal investigation techniques and public order management

FY 16/17 Budget £269,356

Implementing Partner Police College Scotland

Other Agencies Sri Lankan Police Service

**Project** **Providing support and advice to the government of Sri Lanka's major police reform, promoting democratic values and accountability**

Activity To be determined

FY 16/17 Budget £150,000

Implementing Partner Not yet known

**Project** **Demining**

Activity Removal of mines, unexploded ordinance and explosive remnants of war

FY 16/17 Budget £500,000

Implementing Partner The HALO Trust

Other Agencies Rahama (Rehabilitation of resettled families)  
SARVODAYA (Mine-risk education programme)

**Project** **Increasing the professional effectiveness of the Sri Lankan Armed Forces through targeted and discrete defence engagement, education and non-kinetic training, while promoting the need for, and supporting commitment to, accountability**

Activity Targeted training and needs assessment for Sri Lankan Armed Forces

FY 16/17 Budget £185,000

Implementing Partner UK Ministry of Defence

Other Agencies N/A

**Project** **Interfaith Dialogue**

Activity To promote inter-ethnic and inter-religious dialogue in the Eastern Province through the establishment of District Inter-Religious Committees to act as an early warning and early response mechanism for managing potential tension in high risk areas

FY 16/17 Budget £150,000

Implementing Partner The Asia Foundation

Other Agencies National Peace Council

Total projected FY 16/17: £2,321,848

2. The total spend in Sri Lanka from the Conflict Pool was:

FY2010/11	£1,908,342
FY2011/12	£1,807,507
FY2012/13	£1,394,587
FY2013/14	£1,306,074
FY2014/15	£1,433,343

The total spend from the Conflict, Stability and Security Fund was:

FY2015/16	£1,941,027
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3. The Department for International Development (DFID) is the government department responsible for reporting Overseas Development Aid (ODA) spend. The British Government follows the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development's (OECD) definition of ODA ("aid"), which can be found on their website at <http://www.oecd.org>.

The figures for UK "aid" (ODA) spend are collated and published by the Department for International Development (DFID). These are available at <http://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/statistics-on-international-development-2015>, and are broken down by country and year at [http://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/546020/data-underlying-SID-2015a.ods](http://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/546020/data-underlying-SID-2015a.ods). Therefore, this information is exempt under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act – Information accessible to the applicant by other means.

The figures for 2015/16 have not yet been published. Therefore, this information is exempt under section 22 of the FOIA – Information intended for future publication.

4. As noted in section 3 above, cross-HMG ODA data is collated and published by the Department for International Development. As well as the FCO, other Government Departments including DFID, DEFRA and the MOD, have programme funding in Sri Lanka on both a bilateral and multilateral basis. The information regarding the total amount of all aid pledged or expected to go to Sri Lanka is not held by this department.

The FCO is able to give projected aid spend from the Conflict, Stability and Security Fund which is:

2016/17	£2,321,848
2017/18	£2,320,200
2018/19	£2,020,000

Other FCO-administered ODA spend for Sri Lanka for FY 2016/17 is estimated at £346,245.

FCO programme funds are agreed and allocated year-by-year and therefore information about future years (including 2017/18 and 2018/19) is not yet available. It is anticipated that future allocations during these years will remain at a similar level to FY 2016/17.

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Yours sincerely,

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