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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 1098-14

Thank you for your email of 28th November asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

I would like to request details on what the FCO has spent on "contractor" staff i.e.; non permanent staff, who have been working within the Procurement Dept for the benefit of the FCO since 2010.

I would like to know the following details please:

Surname, date of commencement, date of leaving, daily rate, spend in 2013, spend in 2014.

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.

The FCO uses contractors to carry out business critical roles where the required experience and expertise is not available elsewhere in the Civil Service. Procurement contractors are brought in to renegotiate existing contracts with suppliers, driving down costs ensuring best value for money for the taxpayer. They have helped the FCO to save £12.9m in running costs since 2010 and have saved £75.8m in project costs over the same period.

Since 2013 the FCO has spent £1.2m on Procurement Contractors as detailed in the table below, this represents 1.3% of the savings they have helped deliver.

Contractors working from 2013 onwards

Job Title/ Function	Start Date	End Date	Rate Type	Charge Rate (£)	Spend (£) in 2013	Spend (£) in 2014
Contract Lead London	12/03/2012	30/05/2013	Daily	£569.25	£49,809.35	£0.00
Deputy Head of Corporate Procurement	12/04/2013	24/05/2013	Daily	£546.25	£7,647.50	£0.00
Deputy Head of Corporate Procurement	01/07/2013	31/07/2014	Daily	£569.25	£59,486.62	£73,717.86
Estate Category Lead	16/09/2013	27/03/2015	Daily	£460.00	£32,200.00	£96,550.60
Head of Category ESD London	25/10/2010	30/09/2013	Daily	£724.50	£178,722.50	£0.00
Head of Category ESD London	01/11/2013	27/03/2015	Daily	£724.50	£26,884.40	£140,480.75
Procurement Change Manager	03/09/2012	26/07/2013	Daily	£632.50	£80,410.18	£0.00
Procurement Change Manager	02/09/2013	28/03/2014	Daily	£632.50	£48,654.35	£38,851.17
Procurement Change Manager	22/04/2014	30/04/2015	Daily	£632.50	£0.00	£97,589.80
Procurement manager Outer London	15/07/2013	27/03/2015	Daily	£330.00	£37,637.86	£69,753.00
Procurement officer London	25/06/2012	29/03/2013	Daily	£517.50	£29,756.25	£0.00
Procurement officer Outer London	01/03/2010	27/03/2015	Hourly	£14.04	£21,446.06	£23,565.96
Contract Lead London	12/03/2012	30/05/2013	Daily	£569.25	£49,809.35	£0.00

Contractors working prior to 2013

Job Title/ Function	Start Date	End Date	Rate Type	Charge Rate
Deputy Director & Head of Procurement Policy	01/11/2010	12/08/2011	Daily	£ 600.30
IT Procurement Strategy Review	10/02/2011	18/03/2011	Daily	£1,242.00
Policy Lead	17/05/2010	13/08/2010	Daily	£ 550.00
Procurement Officer	01/03/2010	12/03/2010	Daily	£ 486.45
Procurement Officer	04/04/2011	27/05/2011	Daily	£ 589.95
Procurement Officer	01/03/2010	15/06/2011	Daily	£ 638.00
Procurement Officer	20/12/2011	20/02/2012	Daily	£ 724.50
Procurement Officer	20/12/2011	16/03/2012	Daily	£ 575.00
Senior Category Lead	01/10/2010	01/04/2011	Daily	£ 267.29

We have not provided surnames as you have requested. These are exempt under s40 of the Freedom of Information Act as personal data relating to third parties, the disclosure of which would contravene one of the data protection principles. In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. It is the fairness aspect of this principle, which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure. In such circumstances, s.40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure. There is, therefore, no public interest test to apply.

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I hope you are satisfied with this reply. However, if you wish to make a complaint or if you would like a review of our decision, please write to the FOI and DPA Team, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Room K4.14, King Charles Street, London, SW1A 2AH. E-mail: foi-dpa.imd@fco.gov.uk. You have 40 working days to do so from the date of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may then apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the FCO. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

Corporate Procurement Group



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