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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0061-16

Thank you for your email of 19 January 2016 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

The total number of OSJA assessments escalated to the Department's Ministers for ultimate approval in 2015;

Of those assessments escalated to Ministers, the number which resulted in Ministerial approval to proceed with the assistance in question.

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. A search of the FCO's iRecords system, our electronic archive, has revealed that 14 OSJA assessments were sent to Ministers during 2015, all of which were approved.

Once an FOI request is answered, it is considered to be in the public domain. To promote transparency, we may now publish the response and any material released on <u>gov.uk</u> in the <u>FOI releases</u> section. All personal information in the letter will be removed before publishing.

Yours sincerely,

Human Rights and Democracy Department



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