



Foreign &  
Commonwealth  
Office

**Arabian Peninsula and Iran Department**  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
King Charles Street  
London SW1A 2AH

Website: <https://www.gov.uk>

07 November 2016

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: FOI 0954-16**

Thank you for your email of 12 October asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

*How much of the joint budget of the MOD and FCO involved joint operations with the FCO in Yemen in the year 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.

In 2014 there was not a joint MOD and FCO budget, but both departments were able to use funds from the Conflict Pool budget. The Conflict Pool funded “conflict prevention, stabilisation and peacekeeping activities that meet the UK Government’s conflict priorities as set out in the Building Stability Overseas Strategy” and was used by FCO, MOD and DFID. The total Conflict Pool spend in 2013/14 in Yemen was £1.843m, including FCO and MOD run projects and £1.476m for projects in Yemen for 2014-15. To provide context of these figures the wider Conflict Pool resourcing was circa £200m per financial year, which can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/conflict-resources-for-financial-years-20134-and-201415>.

FCO projects are run on a financial year basis rather than a calendar year. In this case rather than refuse your request in its entirety we have provided information for the financial years 2013/14 and 2014/15, as held by the FCO.

Extracting information to provide a figure for 2014 as a whole would take the total time required to locate, retrieve and extract the information you have requested to more than 3 ½ working days. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would

exceed the appropriate limit. The limit has been specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. For central government the appropriate limit is set at £600.

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 [gov.uk](http://gov.uk) in the [FOI releases](#) section. All personal information in the letter will be removed before publishing.

The information supplied to you continues to be protected by the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988. You are free to use it for your own purposes, including any non-commercial research you are doing and for the purposes of news reporting. Any other re-use, for example commercial publication, would require the permission of the copyright holder. Most documents supplied by the FCO will have been produced by government officials and will be protected by Crown Copyright. To re-use Crown Copyright documents please consult the [Open Government Licence v3](#) on the National Archives website.

Information you receive which is not subject to Crown Copyright continues to be protected by the copyright of the person, or organisation, from which the information originated. You must ensure that you gain their permission before reproducing any third party (non-Crown Copyright) information.

Yours sincerely,

Arabian Peninsula and Iran Department



We keep and use information in line with the Data Protection Act 1998. We may release this personal information to other UK government departments and public authorities.