

1. Am I right to assume that the British Embassy compound in Bangkok is paid for out the yearly budget allocated by the FCO/HMT?

The yearly budget allocated to the British Embassy Bangkok includes some of the costs of the compound such as utilities and everyday maintenance costs. Other costs for the compound are met from centrally held FCO budgets

2. What is the established strength of the staff in the Consulate, not the Embassy, and what is the annual cost for that staff including salary, training etc?

There are 31 staff working in the Consulate with a total salary bill of £435,495. This includes pension and medical insurance costs. We do not hold a breakdown of training costs for Bangkok but for the Asia Pacific region they totalled less than £5,000.

3. Does a locally employed civilian in the Consulate receive the same salary in Bangkok as they do in the same post in Singapore or Uganda etc?

The salaries of locally engaged staff working for Her Majesty's Government vary across the overseas network based on market rates at their place of employment. The FCO benchmarks local salaries against similar organisations and aims to pay a mid-market rate globally.

4. The UK Gov website informed me that the total of British ex pats in Thailand is 50,000, how many of them are living here on retirement/Thai wife visas, who require the annual letter confirming their pension income?

We do not hold any information relevant to the question of how many ex-pats living in Thailand requires the annual letter to confirm their pension income.

5. The UK Gov website also informed me that each year Bangkok issues approximately 750 Emergency Travel Documents (ETDs). What is the cost of actually producing an ETD as I assume that they are already printed less the particulars of the applicants?

The current cost of providing an ETD is approximately £140. We calculate the cost of providing this service on a global basis including staff time, materials, and a share of the running costs of the global consular operation as well as the support costs provided by teams in London.

- 6. You informed me in Reference B that the funding for all Consulates was offset by Consular fees on a global model. Therefore, what is the offset total worldwide for this model and what do the Consulates receive from HMT for this global model.**

The cost of providing a global consular service is approximately £100m per year, this is offset by income from consular fees of approximately £100m. It is government policy that the costs of the consular operation should be recovered through fees and not subsidised by the tax payer. We conduct an annual review of fees to ensure that this remains the case.

- 7. I have attached a list of the fees charged by the Bangkok Consulate for their services. I would like to know the annual total number of each category of service provided, i.e. the number of pension letters, administering an oath etc?**

Consular service charges

Service	Total per year (2015)
Legalisation a signature and seal	12 (standard service)
Preparing a single certificate or document not listed elsewhere	2381 (English language) + 77 (other language)
Administering an oath, marking of exhibits, declaration of affirmation	2666
Witnessing a signature	12
Making or verifying a copy of a document	1128
Uniting documents	85
Administering an oath of British citizenship	0
Making an addition to or correction in the consular register	0
Making a search in consular records of births, marriages, deaths or civil	0

partnerships	
Administering an application for and providing an ETD	542
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