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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0680-16

Thank you for your email of 18th July asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

Please can you disclose your current contract for temporary staffing including supplier name, duration/term of contract, spend per annum and numbers of temporary workers/contractors working through this organisation.

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested and can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request.

We are only providing details of centrally held contracts that are used by the FCO in the UK. Authority to enter into contracts is devolved to directorates and departments within the FCO in London as well as the global network of overseas missions in over 170 countries. To provide details of all contracts and spend for temporary agency workers can only be obtained at disproportionate cost. This is in full compliance with Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for central Government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3 ½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

The FCO has a Temporary Agency worker supply contract with Hays Specialist Recruitment. The current end date of this contract is 30 September 2016. The contract has been extended on a rolling basis since the initial contract period came to an end in summer 2013.

In FY15-16, the FCO spent £4.7m with Hays Specialist Recruitment. The FCO currently has 95 temporary agency staff and 31 contractors.

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Yours sincerely,

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