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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 1109-15

Thank you for your email of 17 November asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

I would like to know how many meetings have taken place between Foreign Office ministers and either ministers or officials representing Saudi Arabia in the last three years – 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15.

More specifically, I would like to know the number of meetings with Saudi counterparts during which British defence contracts and potential arms sales to the Kingdom were discussed

I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request.

Our records show that 22 meetings took place between Foreign Office Ministers and Saudi Arabian officials or Ministers during the timeframe specified, and defence contracts or potential arms sales were discussed at four (4) of these.

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Yours sincerely,

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