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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0341-15

Thank you for your patience in waiting for our response to your email of 7 April asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. I apologise for the delay in responding. You asked for:

'details of all funding provided to the Quilliam Foundation by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in the period 2000-2014, including the purpose and amount of all such funding'.

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.

Under section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you.

The information relevant to your request can be found on Hansard via the following link: <a href="http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110315/halltext/110315h0">http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110315/halltext/110315h0</a> 001.htm

The Quilliam Foundation was formed in 2008 and I can confirm that no further funding has been provided by the FCO to the Quilliam Foundation since 2011.

We are unable to provide a breakdown and information on specific projects which have received funding beyond what is already published as this information is exempt under Section 24 (1) (National Security) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 24 is a qualified exemption, which means that it is subject to a public interest test. We acknowledge the public interest in openness and transparency, but consider that there is also a public interest in the FCO protecting national security. We have therefore concluded that the exemption applies and that withholding the material serves the public interest better than release in this instance.

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,

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