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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0809-15**

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

*Of the £343 million of UK ODA spending in 2014 that came from this department according to Department for International Development statistics published 2nd April 2015, I would like a breakdown of what exactly this funding was spent on (for example but not limited to, a list of projects funded and how much funding they were allocated, NGOs provided with funding, Governments provided with this funding, private companies provided with this funding, funding spent on administration and so on).*

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

Under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. Section 21 is an absolute exemption which means there is no requirement to carry out a public interest test if the requested information is exempt. Some of the information is already publicly available in the following links:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/322557/Official\\_Development\\_Assistance\\_ODA\\_Programme\\_2013-14\\_Q4.csv](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/322557/Official_Development_Assistance_ODA_Programme_2013-14_Q4.csv) ; and  
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/427938/Programme\\_-\\_Q3\\_14-15\\_-\\_Final.csv](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/427938/Programme_-_Q3_14-15_-_Final.csv)

The FCO publishes details on all of its Official Development Assistance (ODA) spend in line with International Aid Transparency Initiative Standards. This includes spend on international subscriptions, the British Council and aid-related frontline diplomacy. Details are available at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/official-development-assistance-oda--2>

You had asked for this information to be provided in PDF format, unfortunately due to the size of the spreadsheets it has not been practical in this case.

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Yours sincerely,

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