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Thank you for your email of 8 October 2015 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

Firstly, please may you provide a detailed list of the: costs; locations; rationales; and measurable outcomes of all FCO-funded projects that have been conducted in the DPRK since the 30th September 2013 to the present.

Secondly, could you state whether (and if so, which) of the abovementioned projects were developed to explicitly accord with the FCO priority for the DPRK of supporting human rights.

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. The attached table details all FCO-funded projects which took place in the DPRK from 30 September 2013 to 8 October 2015. Please note that for the current Financial Year, while we have agreed in principle to some projects, activity is yet to take place so details may be subject to change. Additionally, other projects may be agreed through the course of the year.

FCO programme expenditure contributes to our policy objectives within the DPRK. For instance, paying UK film companies for movie screening rights enabled us to expose a North Korean audience, with a very limited understanding of the outside world to modern British culture. Developing a nutritional health programme in Kangwon County enabled us to improve the health and wellbeing of some of the most vulnerable members of DPRK society. Providing equipment for a physiotherapy centre in North Pyongan Province meant disabled people in remote communities were able to access the treatment they need. Our decision to fund the project 'Inside Out: Working in North Korea to connect its journalists to the internet world', was designed to increase interaction between North Korea and international media organisations, promoting a more open culture of news reporting in line with internationally accepted journalistic norms and technical standards. While projects of this nature will not

produce dramatic results overnight, we believe there is value in efforts to build trust to open up even narrow windows of engagement.

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Yours sincerely,

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