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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0861-15

Thank you for your email of 31 August asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

If we could provide a breakdown of the number of honours (in both New Years and Queen Birthday lists) awarded to employees of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (excluding locally engaged members of staff) in each of the last five years.

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 which is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested on honours awarded to FCO staff is available on the London Gazette website. I attach the link for ease.

https://www.thegazette.co.uk/honours-lists

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Yours sincerely,

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