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Thank you for your email of 28 August asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked for:

What was the minimum or lowest PASS or ACCEPTED overall assessment average mark in a Fast Stream assessment centre report for people who applied to join the diplomatic fast stream, starting the process in September 2015? The maximum score being 20.

How many people that applied to the diplomatic Fast Stream for 2015/2016 scored more than 14 points in the Fast Stream assessment centre?

How many people in total applied to the diplomatic Fast Stream for 2015/2016?

How many people that applied to the diplomatic Fast Stream for 2015/2016 were invited to attend the Fast Stream Assessment Centre?

How many people that applied to the diplomatic Fast Stream for 2015/2016 scored fewer than 14 points in the Fast Stream assessment centre?

The FCO does not hold the information requested. The Fast Stream Assessment Centre is owned and administered by Civil Service Resourcing, which is part of the Cabinet Office. They also manage the statistics, and have not yet provided final figures for the 2016 recruitment. The FCO is not directly involved in recruitment for the Diplomatic Service Fast Stream until after this stage of the process.

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Yours sincerely,

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