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Thank you for your email of 14 January 2017 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked the following questions:

- One of the aims of this funding is to help reduce human rights violations by state actors in Ethiopia. However, over 30,000 people including journalists, bloggers, politicians, students and businessmen mostly from the Oromia regional state have been detained and sent to concentration camps by a Command Post (CP) created following the recent declaration of a state of emergency. The head of the CP is Siraj Fegessa, a graduate of the SSM programme from Cranfield University with funding from the UK. Some members of the CP are also beneficiaries of your funding. In the light of the continuing gross human rights violations, will this programme be renewed beyond 2017?
- If an evaluation has been made in recent years of the outcome of this programme, please share the report.

Question 1: The current group of students began their 18 months of studies during the 2016/2017 financial year. Therefore as a consequence, funding for 2017 has already been agreed for the 2017/2018 financial year. Any future funding for this programme will be determined by the Ministry of Defence (MOD) who manage this programme.

Question 2: The FCO has not conducted an evaluation of the current group of students as they are still in the initial stages of their 18 month studying cycle. As this programme was originally funded and managed by the Department for International Development (DFID), they would be best placed to answer your second question.

Yours sincerely,

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