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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0998-16**

Thank you for your email of 21 October asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

*Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide me with full answers to each of the following questions regarding the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA):*

- 1. How much money is your organisation expecting to spend in total on complying with the demands of IICSA for the current financial year, 2016-17, and also for the 2017-18 financial year?*
- 2. How much money has your organisation spent to date on legal costs for IICSA, either on lawyers for the preliminary hearings or in providing legal opinion?*
- 3. Has your organisation had to employ any extra staff or contractors to search through archives or store additional documents as a result of IICSA? If so please provide details.*

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 answers to your questions are as follows:

1. There have been no additional costs for work on IICSA-related issues in 2016/17 as the work is being carried out by existing staff. We do not intend to spend any money in FY2017/18, but will divert further staff resources if necessary.
2. None. Legal opinion has been provided by internal FCO Legal Advisers

3. No extra staff or contractors have been employed to search archives or store documents as a result of IICSA.

Yours sincerely,

IICSA Response Unit  
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