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Thank you for your email of 23 August 2016 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

"I noticed a project called Olympics communication. It was implemented in Morocco between 1st January 2013 and 31st December 2013 to "Promote sport and show support for Morocco's athletes" at a cost of £2,500 according to the Department for International Development website.

I was wondering if you could give me a breakdown of what the money was spent on and the cost of each of these items and the agency responsible for implementing the project. I would also like to know why this project was not originally budgeted for by the department?"

I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request. I have broken down our response to answer the four questions you have asked:

1. You asked for a breakdown of expenditure.

The overall purpose of the project was to promote the London 2012 Olympics as green, sustainable and innovative Games, and to raise the profile of the British Embassy as a supporter of sport in Morocco. To achieve this, the following activities were conducted:

- Attendance at "Follow the Green Stars" (a Moroccan campaign to promote participation in international supporting events) by Moroccan athletes with a connection to the UK;
- A stand at the event to promote the UK and the London Olympics;
- A panel discussion about the Moroccan diaspora in London;
- A visit to a home for disabled children and provision of sports equipment to promote the Paralympics.

2. You asked for the cost of each item. The total expenditure for the above activities was £1,800. Due to the low expenditure of the programme, we are unable to provide a more detailed breakdown.

3. You asked which agency was responsible for the project's implementation. The project was implemented directly by the British Embassy Rabat.
4. You asked why the project was not originally budgeted for by the department. This appears to be due to a data entry error on Development Tracker. The project was originally budgeted for £2,500, not £0 as stated on Development Tracker, with final expenditure at £1,800. In addition, the project took place between June-November 2012 not January to December 2013 as indicated on Development Tracker. We are working to correct Development Tracker.

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Yours sincerely,

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