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Dear,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST REF: FOI-0353-15

Thank you for your email of 09 March 2015 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

'I would like to know the number of FCO diplomats/attaches for whom climate change is a formal part of their role. I understand the FCO runs a network of attaches in selected embassies worldwide.

Could you give me the figures for 2013/14 and 2014/15?'

I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request.

The FCO works actively across the international climate and energy agenda including working closely in partnership with the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) and others. Climate Change and Energy (CCE) work is a network wide priority, so at different times forms part of a wide range of officers' work, including Heads of Mission and staff at all levels. The time allocated varies widely from a very small part of an officer's time to full time work on CCE.

Our total activity in this area includes staff in London and in our overseas network. We are able to identify activity allocated towards 'Climate Change/Low Carbon Economy/Energy Security' on our financial systems. We do not collect a separate figure just on climate change.

These figures rely on individual staff member's recording of their activities, and show numbers of FCO staff Full Time Equivalent (FTE) who spend some time in this policy area. The resource is allocated as part of broader geographical activity so exact numbers can change. Hence we are able to provide a snapshot of the number of staff at a point in time. The following illustration is based on data at 1st Jan 2014 and 1st Jan 2015.

	1 st Jan 2014	1 st Jan 2015
FTE Staff working part of their time on CCE issues	90.7	122.0
FTE Staff working 100% on CCE issues (mainly in our core network of priority Posts including GHG top emitting nations, other G7, and delegations to the EU, OECD and UN).	86.0	79.0
TOTAL FTE Staff involved in CCE work	176.7	201.0

Our allocation of resource is kept under regular review as staff and local priorities change so there is a quite regular flux in numbers and locations.

Further information regarding the FCO's priorities in supporting international action on climate change and the action we are taking can be found on the Gov.uk website at [Policy - Supporting international action on climate change – GOV.UK](#).

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Yours sincerely,

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