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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: FOI 0899-15

Thank you for your email of 13 September asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

I'd like to know how many of the Wednesday morning breakfast meetings of the departmental chief scientific advisers has Robin Grimes attended since taking office as CSA?

Please provide:

- *his start date as CSA*
- *the total number of these CSA breakfast meetings since Grimes' appointment*
- *and the number he has attended.*

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.

Professor Robin Grimes was appointed as Chief Scientific Adviser (CSA) to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on 4 February 2013. He has attended 55 Brown Bag Breakfast meetings in total from February 2013 to date. Brown Bag Breakfasts are informal weekly meetings arranged by the Government Chief Scientific Adviser's Office and information on how many of these informal meetings have taken place since Professor Grimes took up his appointment is not held by this Department.

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Yours sincerely,

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