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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0907-16

Thank you for your e-mail of 27 September, in which you asked for the following information under the FOI Act (FOIA);

I would like to enquire, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, about the technical assistance the FCO has provided to Bahrain. Specifically:

What projects does the FCO have with the Special Investigations Unit (SIU)?

When did these projects begin?

How much do they cost per financial year?

What British-based bodies are operating in this assistance with the SIU?

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 FCO has one project with the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) which was implemented through our implementation partner, Northern Ireland Cooperation Overseas (NI-CO). This project commenced in Financial Year 2015-16 and the total cost was £35,515.87.

We were considering the public interest test arguments in favour of releasing or withholding information under the exemption at s27 and have decided that the information can be released to you.

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Yours sincerely,

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