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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST REF: FOI 0193-15

Thank you for your email of 05 March 2015 in which you asked some additional questions:

We do not record cases under any specific category, which would make it easy to identify if a British national was killed because of a violent crime. We can record cases under the "Death – Murder" category, which may include the above, but we are unable to provide you with the exact figure because the total number of cases is less than six for Egypt."

When you refer to less than six cases, do you mean that there have been less than six cases of 'Death - Murder' for each year of 2008 - 2014, or as a total covering those years? In the tables available via the link you provide, it does seem to be possible to determine the years where there have been zero cases of 'Death - Murder', not just the years where there are less than 6. Can you tell me those years between 2008 and 2014 for which there have been zero 'Deaths - Murder' recorded?

I understand from your letter that:

- a) It is not possible to determine the number of people injured due to violent crime*
- b) The number of people killed due to violent crime is included in 'Deaths - Murder'*
- c) You do not record the number of British citizens who visit Egypt each year.*

Please can you confirm these points.

I have had another look at the information provided in my original reply, specifically the data for the Death – Murder attribute and on the .gov.uk website. In the table below I am now able to provide you with details of the years where no Death – Murder cases were reported to the FCO between 2008 and 2014.



Egypt: Number of reported cases - Murder *

Diplomatic Mission	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Alexandria	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cairo	<=5	0	0	0	<=5	<=5	<=5
Hurghada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luxor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sharm El Sheikh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

* Compass Attribute: Death – Murder

Again, where the total number of cases is less or equal to five we withhold the exact figure to avoid the risk of identifying the individuals concerned. To release this data would contravene one of the data protection principles. In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. It is the fairness aspect of this principle, which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure. In such circumstances, s.40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure. There is, therefore, no public interest test to apply.

You also asked for confirmation that it is not possible to determine the number of people injured due to violent crime. I can confirm that it is not possible to provide you with figures for the number of British nationals injured because of being a victim of a violent crime. Our database does not store this information in a way that is easily searchable so we would have to search each individual case on our database to see if we hold any information relevant to this part of your request, which would exceed the appropriate cost limit. Section 12 of the FOIA makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit has been specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. For central government the appropriate limit is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 3 ½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it. Your request as presently formulated is widely-framed and I estimate that it will take more than 3 ½ working days to locate, retrieve and extract this information. In these circumstances, we are not obliged under the FOIA to comply with your request.

You also asked if the number of people killed due to violent crime is included in 'Deaths - Murder'. The number of British nationals who died because of violent crime can and may be recorded under the "Death – Murder" category. Depending on the individual circumstances of the case, details could also be recorded under a different category.

You also asked for confirmation that the FCO does not record the number of British citizens who visit Egypt each year. I am sorry that I did not explain clearly in my first reply, but I can



confirm that the FCO does not record statistics on the number of British nationals travelling abroad. I suggest that you contact the Egyptian Embassy, who may be able to provide you with the figures (<http://www.egyptianconsulate.co.uk/home.php>). I also understand that the Office for National Statistics may also have some figures for British nationals travelling abroad (<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/index.html>). You should find figures under the 'Overseas Travel and Tourism' section on the Office for National Statistics site.

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Yours sincerely,

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