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Thank you for your email of 26 February asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For financial year 2015-2016, in relation to the call for bids for the Human Rights and Democracy Programme Fund issued by the UK Embassy in Tunis, Tunisia (see <https://www.gov.uk/government/world-location-news/call-for-project-proposals-promoting-human-rights-in-tunisia>), please provide me with:

- 1. A list of all successful bids on the theme of torture prevention;*
- 2. A breakdown of funds provided to each successful bid on the theme of torture prevention; and*
- 3. An explanation of the projects of each successful bid on the theme of torture prevention.*

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 answers to your questions are as follows:

1. There was one successful bid for a project to be developed by Aktis Strategy.
2. The project's budget was £69,810.
3. The project's purpose was to reduce incidents of torture, excessive force and degrading treatment of individuals taken into custody in Tunisia, by supporting the Ministries of Interior, Justice and Defence to coordinate policies and work with independent monitoring bodies.

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Yours sincerely,

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