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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0046-17

Thank you for your email of 12 January 2017 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

I should be grateful if you could provide me with the following information in respect of

Provision of Security Guarding Services at the British Embassy Stockholm - provider Tempest Security AB

Since the current contract started please could you let me know

- 1. The Annual Costs year by year*
- 2. How many hours have been charged for each year*
- 3. Of these hours how many were at standard rate*
- 4. Of these hours how many were at overtime rate*
- 5. What is the standard hourly rate*
- 6. What are the overtime rates*

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 payments made to Tempest Security are detailed in the following table:

Financial Year	Total Payment (£)
14-15	156,830
15-16	133,842
16-17 (until January 2017)	122,299

Some of the information you have requested has been withheld under Section 38(1)(b). In applying the public interest test we took into consideration the factors in favour of disclosure; in this case that releasing such information would demonstrate openness and public

accountability in the FCO's dealings with Tempest Security AB. However, we are concerned the release of this information could undermine effective operation of the relevant contract and endanger the safety of individuals. We have concluded that the exemption applies and that withholding the material serves the public interest better than release in this instance.

Also, other information you have requested is exempt under Section 43 (2) of the Act, which relates to commercial interests. The use of this exemption has been considered carefully. The factors in favour of disclosing this information include the general public interest and greater transparency and accountability. These were weighed against the need to allow business-people and commercial organisations the space to conduct their lawful business competitively and without fear of disclosure of commercially sensitive information. For this reason we judge that the public interest in withholding this information outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

Yours sincerely,

Commercial Procurement Group



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