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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0560-17

Thank you for your email of 10 June asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

• How many FCO Chevening Scholars have been enrolled in one-year master's degrees in any journalism-related field, including multimedia journalism, global media studies, communication, international journalism, international multimedia journalism, etc. in different UK universities beginning in the academic year 2010/2011 (September) up to the end of the academic year 2015/16 (September)?

Please provide a full breakdown of the Chevening Scholarships awarded to international students by their programmes of study, country of origin and academic schools in the aforementioned period in a **tabular format**. If it's not a violation of any privacy/confidentiality restriction, please identify the students by their names, as well.

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.

I have answered your questions in turn below:

1. How many FCO Chevening Scholars have been enrolled in one-year master's degrees in any journalism-related field, including multimedia journalism, global media studies, communication, international journalism, international multimedia journalism, etc. in different UK universities beginning in the academic year 2010/2011 (September) up to the end of the academic year 2015/16 (September)?

322 Chevening Scholars have been enrolled in one year master's degrees in journalism-related subjects between academic years 2010/11 and 2015/16.

2. Please provide a full breakdown of the Chevening Scholarships awarded to international students by their programmes of study, country of origin and academic schools in the aforementioned period in a tabular format. If it's not a

## violation of any privacy/confidentiality restriction, please identify the students by their names, as well.

Please see the table attached with further detail pertaining the 322 Chevening Scholars enrolled in one year master's degrees in journalism-related subjects between the academic years 2010/11 to 2015/16.

Some of the information you have requested is personal data relating to third parties, the disclosure of which 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.

Yours sincerely,

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