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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 1000-16

Thank you for your email of 19 October asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

I would like to submit the following request under the Freedom of Information Act:

Background

Around 2010-13, the FCO and DfID organised training for Kenyan security forces in the context of the Kenyan Police Reform Programme and other trainings at the International Academy at Bramshill. This is public information taken from Peter Neyroud's review of police leadership training (see: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/118227/report.pdf)

The particular training I am interested in is:

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Kenya / HMG (FCO/DfID) / IPAB R74 / Security & Development

Kenyan Police Reform Programme - Training Covering CID, Leadership, CHIS and Intel, Surveillance, I2, Train the Trainers and Commanders Programm

Questions

Q1: What was the FCO and DfID's respective financial, material and non-material contribution to the training?

Q2: Out of which FCO budget line was that funding paid?

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Q3: Which bodies and units of the Kenyan security forces received the training and how many were trained?

Q4: What were the dates of that training?

Q5: Has the FCO funded or organised any such training since? If so, please answer Q1-4 about the new training.

Please confirm receipt of this request.

You then clarified your questions on 22 October and asked:

Thanks for the message. Here are my clarifications

Q1: By material contributions, I mean tangibles such as computers, financial support, facilities, weapons etc. By non-material I mean those things that are not tangible, such as training, expert advice, technical support etc.

Q5: You are right that 'any such training' is too broad, thanks for pointing that out. Let me narrow it down to the following: "Since 2013, has the FCO funded and/or organised any trainings on intel and/or surveillance? If so, please answer Q1-4 about the new training."

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. We cannot answer questions on behalf of any other government department such as DFID, and would advise you to contact DFID directly. See contact details

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We are supporting police reform in Kenya, including building the capacity of the Independent Police Oversight Authority (IPOA) and the Kenyan authorities in the shared aim of reducing the threat from terrorist groups in Kenya. In support of this aim, we are working to enhance Kenya's capability to disrupt terrorist threats, gather evidence and make arrests based on respect for human rights and the rule of law. Our approach is one of capacity building and supporting security sector reform.

Based on the records we have available, we cannot provide a specific breakdown of our complete financial, material and non-material contribution to the training provided. Our records indicate that training and related equipment/consumables totalled approximately £200,000 and was funded by the Counter Terrorism and Radicalisation Programme and the

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Africa Conflict Pool Programme. Our records show that it ran between August 2010 and December 2010.

In relations to question five I can confirm that the FCO holds some information relevant to your request. However, this information is exempt under Section 24 (1) (National Security) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 24 is a qualified exemption, which means that it is subject to a public interest test. We acknowledge the public interest in openness and transparency, but we consider that there is also a public interest in the FCO protecting national security. Having reviewed the relevant material, we are concerned that its release would undermine UK/Kenyan security cooperation and consequently adversely impact on the UK's security. We have therefore concluded that Section 24 (1) exemption applies and that withholding the material serves the public interest better than release in this instance.

In relation to any further information in scope of your request the FCO can neither confirm nor deny that it holds further information relevant to your request, as the duty in Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, does not apply by virtue of Sections 23(5) and 24(2) of the Act. To the extent that Section 24(2) of the Act applies, we have determined that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exclusion of the duty to confirm or deny outweighs the public interest in confirming whether the FCO holds the information, and that to give a statement of the reasons for this would involve the disclosure of information which would itself be exempt information. Therefore, under Section 17(4) of the Act, the FCO is not obliged to give such a statement. However, this should not be taken as evidence that any further information that would meet your request exists or does not exist.

Yours sincerely,

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