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Thank you for your email of 8th May asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked us to provide:

- The total amount of funding allocated to the Human Rights and Democracy Programme/Magna Carta Fund for Human Rights and Democracy in (a) 2010-11, (b) 2011-12, (c) 2012-13, (d) 2013-14, (e) 2014-15, (f) 2015-16, (g) 2016-17 and (h) 2016-17;
- The total amount of funding disbursed to specific projects under the Human Rights and Democracy Programme/Magna Carta Fund for Human Rights and Democracy in (a) 2010-11, (b) 2011-12, (c) 2012-13, (d) 2013-14, (e) 2014-15, (f) 2015-16, (g) 2016-17 and (h) 2016.

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 FCO provides an overview of key Human Rights and Democracy achievements throughout the years in the Annual Human Rights and Democracy report. The 2016 report will be released later this year, the 2010-2015 reports can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/human-rights-and-democracy-reports>. In relation to your specific question on the allocation for the Human Rights and Democracy Fund and subsequent Magna Carta Fund in each of the years requested, the answers are as follows: (a) £5m, (b) £5.5m, (c) £6.5m, (d) £6.5m, (e) £5.5m, (f) £5.5m, (g) £10.6m (question (h) was a repetition of question (g)). In 2017-18 we have again allocated £10.6m from the Magna Carta Fund for Human Rights and Democracy to projects across the world.

In answer to your second question, the FCO dispersed and spent the following amounts of funding in each of the years requested (a) 5.1m, (b) £2.1m, (c) £4.4m, (d) £5.7m, (e) £5.9m, (f) £5.9m, (g) £9.5m. We were not able to answer h) as the FCO does not break down spend by calendar year for 2016 only. If you intended to ask about financial year 2017-18, we have not yet reached the end of the financial year so do not have a total spend figure, the Magna Carta Fund has however again been allocated a budget of £10.6m.

Yours sincerely,

Human Rights and Democracy Department



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