



## Foreign & Commonwealth Office

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### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: FOI 0501-17**

Thank you for your email of 17 May 2017 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

*I am writing to obtain information held about EU flags bought by the FCO for use in the UK and its missions overseas since January 2016*

*Please provide:*

- *Date of purchase*
- *Number of flag purchases*
- *Cost of flags*

*My preferred format to receive this information is electronically, but if that is not possible I will gladly accept letters at the address below.*

*I would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this request as soon as possible.*

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.

It is not possible, however, to identify all expenditure on EU flags for the FCO and its missions overseas as flag purchases are not centrally procured. In addition as Flag Purchases are not listed as separate account entries in the FCO's Chart of Accounts the only way to identify individual items of flag expenditure would be to review all entries on the FCO's accounts. However, where posts/UK departments have chosen to use a supplier recommended by the FCO Procurement Team we can confirm that since January 2016 12 EU Flags were purchased at a cost of £1,037.45.

Yours sincerely,

Global Transaction Processing Centre, Finance Directorate.



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