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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: FOI 0562-17**

Thank you for your email of 13 June 2017 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

*I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your office*

- 1. I would like to know the total amount of money spent on flowers and decorative floral arrangements in the financial year 2016/17.*
- 2. Please provide the expenditure incurred on behalf of your department by Government Hospitality in Lancaster House.*

*It is my understanding that they keep a local, off-line record of their expenditure on flowers and decorative floral arrangements.*

Government Hospitality in Lancaster House provides business hospitality services to all government departments across Whitehall. Government Hospitality's local off-line records show that in 2016/17 their expenditure on flowers and decorative floral arrangements on behalf of the FCO was £8,712. Lancaster House hosts a large number of major summits every year for visiting world leaders to address issues of global security, for example the UN Peacekeeping Conference at Lancaster House, as well as conferences focused on the security issues in Afghanistan and the response to the Ebola crisis.

Yours sincerely,

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