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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST REF: 0008-17

Thank you for your email of 04 January 2017 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

“Under the Freedom of Information Act can I ask for the following information on the number of staff employed at the UK Permanent Representation to the EU. If possible, I would like this information on both UK based staff and locally employed staff.

-How many staff are currently employed at the UK Permanent Representation to the EU (please provide the latest date for which figures are available)

-How many staff were employed at the UK Permanent Representation to the EU, both FCO-UK based and locally employed, in June 2016

-How many staff have resigned from the UK Permanent Representation to the EU, both FCO-UK based and locally employed, since June 2016

-If known, what reasons did staff give for resigning e.g. in their exit interviews or resignation letters”

In response to the first two parts of your Freedom of Information request, the UK Representation to the EU (UKREP) includes staff from a number of different Government Departments. The number of staff employed by UKRep varies throughout the year, depending on changing requirements at the Representation. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) had 123 full time posts at UKRep in June 2016; both UK based and Locally Engaged. On 25 January 2017, the FCO had 130 full time posts at UKREP, again including both UK-based and Locally Engaged staff members.

Since June 2016, three UK-based members of staff at UKREP have resigned, two to take up opportunities in the private sector. In addition a number of UK-based members of staff have moved onto other jobs in the UK civil service. During the same period, 12 members of UKRep staff recruited locally have resigned. As has been the case with departures in the past, their reasons for leaving UKREP were varied. They range from taking up career opportunities to join the UK civil service; moving to other UK diplomatic missions; accepting external positions; for personal family circumstances (e.g. relocation) and to pursue further academic studies.

Yours sincerely,

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