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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0726-17

Thank you for your emails of 28 and 31 July asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

On 28 July you asked:

[T]he Foreign and Commonwealth Office for details of all correspondence with (by telephone, email, letter or any other method of communication) and for minutes of all meetings between Sir Alan Duncan, the Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and the Salvadoran Ambassador in the United Kingdom.

On 31 July you refined your request further:

To ask the Foreign and Commonwealth Office for details of all correspondence with (by telephone, email, letter or any other method of communication) and for minutes of all meetings between Sir Alan Duncan, the Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and the Salvadoran Ambassador in the United Kingdom, in the period July 2016-July 2017, on the topic of abortion or anything related to abortion.

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 have extracted information in scope of your request and collated it into a digest and provided relevant documents.

Some of the information you have requested is exempt under section 40(2) of the FOIA. Section 40(2) exempts personal information from disclosure if that information relates to someone other than the applicant, and if disclosure of the information would, among other things, contravene one of the data protection principles in schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act. In this case, I believe disclosure would contravene the first data protection principle, which provides that personal data must be processed fairly and lawfully. Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and the FCO is not obliged to consider whether the public interest favours disclosing the information.

Yours sincerely,

Caribbean, Central America and Mexico Department



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