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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0496-17

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

On their website LSE Enterprise say that: "LSE Enterprise has been working with the UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) since 2003, designing and delivering customised training courses around the world, including in Brasilia and Sao Paolo. So when the British Embassy Brasilia wanted to share with Brazil the UK's expertise and experiences in how to implement an efficient policy and frameworks related to Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs), they called on LSE." http://www.lse.ac.uk/businessAndConsultancy/LSEEnterprise/news/2014/ppp.aspx

I would like to request:

- 1) That the FCO confirm that they funded LSE Enterprise to work on this project
- 2) The value of the contract
- 3) What fund the contract was paid out of and whether it was recorded as Official Development Assistance (ODA)
- 4) A list of other programmes the FCO funded LSE enterprise to work on which involved training in Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs).

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. You are referencing a Prosperity Fund project from 2013-15, with details published online under the ODA transparency initiative.

Please find attached the information that the FCO can release to you. Answers to your questions have also been summarised below.

1) That the FCO confirm that they funded LSE Enterprise to work on this project

The FCO has given funding to the LSE in the past four years. Please find attached a document detailing all the Prosperity Fund LSE projects in Brazil, as well as a signed contract for the specific contract alluded to in your request.

2) The value of the contract

Please find attached contracts for projects involving the LSE in Brazil.

FY 13/14 – PPY BRA 1050 - Improving PPPs in Brazil: Efficiency and Transparency - £ 30,000

FY 14/15 – PPY BRA 1407 - Improving PPPs in Brazil: Efficiency and Transparency (second year)

FY 15/16 - PPY BRA 1505 - Social Infrastructure PPPs in Northeast Brazil - £ 45,000

FY 16/17 - PPF BRB 000015 - Boosting PPPs in Education and Urban Mobility in Minas Gerais and Bahia - £ 109,335

3) What fund the contract was paid out of and whether it was recorded as Official Development Assistance (ODA)

The contract was paid for by the Prosperity Fund and recorded as Official Development Assistance (ODA).

4) A list of other programmes the FCO funded LSE enterprise to work on which involved training in Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs).

We have interpreted this question to mean just Brazil. A request to provide all LSE Enterprise projects within the FCO would exceed the cost limit, invoking section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and we would be unable to proceed. We would need to ask you to refine any future requests to one individual country per request.

The attached documents evidence the list of FCO funded LSE enterprise programmes in Brazil.

You may also want to visit this website detailing ODA spending.

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Yours sincerely,

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