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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: FOI 0318-17

Thank you for your email of 30th March asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

I would be grateful if you would please provide:

- *The total amount of FCO funding allocated to human rights and democracy projects in FY 2016/17, and the funding channel from which this money was drawn (e.g. the Magna Carta Fund, or other)*
- *The total amount of FCO funding reserved for human rights and democracy projects in FY 2017/18, and the funding channel from which this money will be drawn (e.g. the Magna Carta Fund, or other);*
- *The total funding reserved for human rights and democracy projects under the Global Britain Fund in FY 2017/18;*
- *The overall budget for the Global Britain Fund.*

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.

The Magna Carta Fund (MCF) is our dedicated Human Rights and Democracy programme fund. In 2016/17 the programme was funded at the level of £10.6m per annum and this level of funding will continue in 2017/18. The MCF is not the only fund that supports our Human Rights and Democracy agenda, human rights and democracy are broad terms and much of the project work across government directly and indirectly support our international human rights and democracy agenda, but are not specifically designated as such.

As other funds are not specifically ring fenced on the Democracy and Human Rights agenda, we are not able to precisely answer your wider question on other funds and their spend on projects in this area.

The Global Britain Fund is not a formal public-facing programme fund. Rather it is an internal name given to the portion of the FCO Departmental budget which is used, broadly, to fund projects in support of wider diplomatic activity. The total of these FCO funds in 2017/18 will be published shortly on the Foreign Affairs Committee website. This will include the allocation of £10.6m to MCF.

Yours sincerely

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