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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0391-17

Thank you for your email of 20 April asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

Please provide copies of all documents and communications:

(1) held by a) the Iran desk at the FCO in London and b) British Embassy in Tehran, relating to Jeremy Corbyn's visit to Iran from January 6-10 2014 as a member of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Iran.

(2) held by a) the Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territories desk at the FCO in London and b) the British Embassy in Tel Aviv and consulate office in Gaza, relating to Jeremy Corbyn's visits to Gaza from 15-21 February 2013 and 14-18 January 2010.

If necessary in order to keep my overall request within the statutory cost limit, please limit your searches for

(1) to information dating the period from December 2013 to February 2014

(2) to the periods from January 2013 to March 2013 (for the 2013 visit) and December 2009 to February 2010 (for the 2010 visit)

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested and I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request.

Please find attached the information that the FCO holds relating to Jeremy Corbyn's visit to Iran. With regards to the visits to Gaza, under Section 21 of the FOIA, we are not required to provide information which is already reasonably accessible to you. The only information we hold relevant to your request has already been made public in response to a previous FOI request. It can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/foi-release-jeremy-corbyn-and-palestine>.

Some of the information you have requested is personal data relating to third parties, the disclosure of which would contravene one of the data protection principles. In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case,

our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. It is the fairness aspect of this principle, which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure. In such circumstances, s.40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure. There is, therefore, no public interest test to apply.

We had considered that some of the information be withheld under Section 27 – International Relations. I am pleased to say that no information has been withheld under Section 27.

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Yours sincerely,

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