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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0774-17

Thank you for your two emails of 11 August asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

In your first email of 11 August you said:

I am seeking comprehensive information relating to the overseas development assistance project with the project number PPY-MEX-1530 (analysing skill needs in the Mexican oil and gas industry).

This should include:

- *The amount the project is expected to cost*
- *Any final or interim reports*
- *A list of meetings, visits or events held in connection with this project including dates, locations and attendees*

In your second email of 11 August you clarified your request when you said the information was:

in financial year 2015/16 - in this dataset:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/official-development-assistance-oda-fco-programme-spend-2015-to-2016>

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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