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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0724-17

Thank you for your email of 28 July 2017 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request copies of the following:

- *The total figure your department has spent on consultancy services since 1 June 2016, with a breakdown by consultancy, time, and subject where it is available.*
- *The total figure your department has spent on consultancy services on the issue of Brexit since 1 June 2016, with a breakdown by consultancy, time, and subject where it is available.*

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 FCO has spent £977k on consultancy services from 1 June 2016 to 31 July 2017. A breakdown of the types of consultancy are detailed in the table below.

Type of Consultancy	Spend from 01/06/16 to 31/07/17
Finance	£28,565
IT/IS	£265,748
Strategy	£173,771
Legal	£209,214
Property & Construction	£7,891

Marketing & Communications	£11,500
Organisation & Change Management	£44,000
Procurement	£27,310
Programme & Project Management	£53,508
Technical	£155,709

The FCO does not hold centrally the subject and timings of each consultancy service. Authority to enter into contracts is devolved to directorates and departments within the FCO in London as well as the global network of overseas missions in over 170 countries. Details of all consultancy services could be obtained but only at disproportionate cost.

The FCO has not spent any money on consultancy services to work on Brexit negotiations and currently has no plans to do so.

Yours sincerely,

Commercial Procurement Group



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