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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0662-17

Thank you for your email of 10 June asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please provide copies of the following records:

Any final report provided to the FCO by the successful bidder last year for the short term monitoring and evaluation project of the Chevening Awards scheme (Specifically, any reports or presentations identifying and measuring Chevening's return on influence)

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.

KPMG was the successful bidder and a copy of their final report is attached. However, some information is being withheld under Section 40 – personal information of the FOIA.

Section 40

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.

Yours sincerely,

Communications Directorate



We keep and use information in line with the Data Protection Act 1998. We may release this personal information to other UK government departments and public authorities.