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Thank you for your email of 12 December asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked for:

A list of all contacts that UK diplomatic posts in Taiwan have had with tobacco manufactures, since the revised guidelines for overseas posts on support to the tobacco industry were finalised in December 2013, broken down by name of the tobacco manufacturer, date, purpose of the contact and type of assistance provided and with the job title and location of the person who provided the assistance.

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 do not have a diplomatic mission in Taiwan because the UK and Taiwan do not have diplomatic relations. However the British Office in Taipei maintains the unofficial relationship between the UK and Taiwan. Since the change of the tobacco guidelines in 2013 staff in the British Office have not had any contact with individuals who work for tobacco manufacturers in their role as representatives of tobacco manufacturers. There has been some contact with individuals who work for tobacco manufacturers where these individuals have wider roles unrelated to the tobacco industry, for example with chambers of commerce or as alumni from British universities, and the contact has not been related to the tobacco business.

Yours sincerely,
East Asia Department

