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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0201-18

Thank you for your email of 17 February asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

How many mice has your department's cat (Palmerston, Gladstone, Larry - select as appropriate) caught since:

- a) January 1 2017*
- b) January 1 2018*
- c) If possible, please provide a monthly breakdown of mice caught by your departmental cat.*

I appreciate not all captures may be reported, so please just provide figures of reported incidences of your cat catching a mouse.

Please could you also provide a breakdown of what your departmental cat is fed on a normal weekday, with price included of each meal?

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.

Under section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. Please see here for your questions on food and cost:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/foi-release-costs-and-care-of-palmerston-the-cat>

The FCO does not keep an accurate figure for the amount of mice caught by Palmerston. The PUS's office do receive reported sightings of Palmerston catching mice, but figures are likely to be much higher as these are only reported sightings.

Since 1 January 2017, his reported catches were 38. Since 1 January 2018, his reported catches were 4. We do not hold information on the monthly breakdown.

Yours sincerely,

Office of the Permanent Under Secretary



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