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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 1138-17**

Thank you for your email of 30 November 2017 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

*I would like to make a FOI request for all internal FCO documents/correspondence relating to the following written answer on Libya & refugees, provided by a FCO minister to the House of Lords on 25 Sept 2017:*

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2017-09-11/HL1509/>

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.

Please find attached the information that the FCO can release to you.

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,

North Africa Joint Unit



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.