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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: FOI 0520-19**

Thank you for your email of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

*I am looking for some assistance with your organisation's Spend/Transparency data, available on the following weblink:*

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/fco-services-departmental-spending-over-25000>

*There appears to be no file available for the month of April 2019 and May 2019. Could you advise when the file will be made available to view online? Would it be possible for you to email me a copy of the April 2019 and May 2019 file?*

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested.

I can confirm that FCO Services does hold information relevant to your request. The information you have requested relating to Spend Data is now available on line at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/fco-services-departmental-spending-over-25000> and is therefore exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act.

**Section 21 states**

- (1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—
  - (a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and
  - (b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to

members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

- (3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

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Yours sincerely,

FOI Officer

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