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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: FOI 0915-19

Thank you for your email of 19th September 2019 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

Please can you tell me, as of this date (19th September 2019):

- 1. The number of ministerial vehicles allocated to the department*
- 2. The make and model of each vehicle*
- 3. The fuel type of the vehicle*
- 4. The CO2 emissions of the vehicles*

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.

FCO Services runs a service called the London Car Service (LCS). This is a service that is available for use by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) as necessary to transport people and documents. These are not ministerial vehicles as mentioned in your request, however in the interest of openness and transparency in Government FCO Services is providing the following answers to your questions.

1. FCO Services has 5 vehicles;
2. The make and Model of each vehicle has been withheld under section 31(1)(a) (Law Enforcement) of the Act. See below for further details;
3. They are all low emission hybrid vehicles;
4. We do not have this information.

Section 31(1)(a) protects information which would, or would be likely to, prejudice the prevention or detection of a crime. Section 31 is a 'qualified exemption' which means we have to consider whether it would be in the public interest for us to provide you with the information.

To disclose this information would be consistent with our commitment to transparency, however we are also obliged to ensure that security is not compromised. Should the information requested be in the public domain there is a risk that vehicles could be identified and increase the likelihood of them being the target of criminal action.

We have concluded that the release of information would prejudice the prevention or detection of a crime and we have decided that the public interest favours withholding the information.

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Yours sincerely,

FOI Officer

FCO Services

