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FOI REQUEST REF: 0533-09

I am writing regarding your request for information, which we received on 07 July 2009. In that request, you asked us for a list of which countries the United Kingdom holds summits or relations with officially using the term “Anglo”.

Officially Her Majesty’s Government do not use the term “Anglo” for any relations or summits: “United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland” is the country’s formal title and should be used in full in international agreements and other official documents. The term “Anglo” and the abbreviation “UK” should be avoided in formal contexts. Information on the use of the term unofficially, is not centrally held and would mean contacting every department within the FCO to search for that information.

Therefore, we estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £600. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for central Government it is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.

If you were to make a new request for a more narrow category of information, it may be that we could comply with that request within the appropriate limit, although I cannot guarantee that this will be the case, and it may help if I outline some possible ways of narrowing your request. You may wish to confine your request to correspondence from a particular department or departments which uses the phrase.

Any reformulated request the department receives from you will be treated as a fresh Freedom of Information request.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to me within 40 working days.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the FCO. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

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