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Dear Mr Starky

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST: 0699-08

Thank you for your request dated 12th August 2008, under the Freedom of Information Act. In this request you asked that we provide the number of job vacancies which were externally advertised by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) between April 07 – April 08, and from 1st April 2008 – 30th June 2008.

During the dates specified, the following recruitment campaigns were run by HR:

April 2007 – April 2008

Campaign	No. of vacancies
Auditors	3
Senior Auditors	2
Estate Surveyor	1
Head of Internal Communications & Public Relations Group	1
Research Analyst (Terrorism)	1
Web Editors	2
Overseas Security Managers	12
Band D Officers (Senior Middle Managers)	10
Fast Stream	50
<i>Total</i>	82

30 April 2008 – 30 June 2008

Campaign	No. of vacancies
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Assistant Legal Advisers	6
Facilities Management Director	1
Facilities Management Commercial Manager	1
Finance Trainees (advertised by DWP)	10
Police Adviser (Consular)	1
Research Analyst (Latin America & Caribbean)	1
Interns (Policy Planners)	2
<i>Total</i>	22

In addition, 238 FCO vacancies during the period of April 2007-08 and 111 FCO vacancies from 1 April-30 June 08 were advertised as secondment opportunities for officers in other civil service departments, and were not restricted to staff already in the FCO.

It should be noted that the above figures apply to vacancies for UK-based staff only; recruitment campaigns are also run by Posts overseas for Locally Engaged staff. However, there is no central record of this, and I estimate that to locate, retrieve and extract this information would exceed the appropriate limit of £600 or 3.5 days. This limit has been specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act makes provisions for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit.

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The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely



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