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Dear Thomas Brewer,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0298-19

Thank you for your email of 23 March asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

Dear Foreign and Commonwealth Office,

- 1) I would like to know how many diplomatic messengers or couriers are currently working for the foreign office (full time and part time)*
- 2) I would like to know what the yearly budget is for the diplomatic corps is*
- 3) I would finally like to know how many people currently work in the department*

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.

In response to your first question, FCO Services has provided the following information: The FCO has 15 full time and 1 part time Queens Messengers.

Under section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you have asked for in questions 2 and 3 is published in our Annual Report and Accounts at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/foreign-and-commonwealth-office-annual-report-and-accounts-2017-to-2018>

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Yours sincerely,

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