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Dear Rhiannon Osborne,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST REF: FOI2022/25048

Thank you for your email of 26th September asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

Please provide a spreadsheet detailing the funding given out by FCDO (and formerly DFD) from January 2020 to July 2022 to the ACT-A initiative for research and development of COVID-19 diagnostics, vaccines and therapeutics. Please provide the funding broken down by individual grant, grant amount, grant purpose and grantee.

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

I can confirm that the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) does not hold information relevant to your request.

The FCDO has not directly funded the COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator for research and development of COVID-19 diagnostics, vaccines, and therapeutics.

The ACT Accelerator is a global collaboration initiative and does not exist as a funding entity. As a coordination initiative, the ACT-A sets out a COVID19 response objectives, financial framework and financing needs from its partner agencies. Donors have funded those partner agencies directly. FCDO has not directly funded the ACT-A for research and development.

If you would like to request a review of our decision please email us at: information.rights@fcdo.gov.uk or write to: Information Rights Unit, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, Room WG.75, King Charles Street, London, SW1A 2AH. Please note you have 40 working days to do so from the date of this letter

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Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Unit

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