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Dear Ms Britton

FOI REQUESTS: FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE RISK ASSESSMENTS

Thank you for your two requests of 3 April 2019 for information regarding written risk assessments by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO).

In the first of these requests, received on the afternoon of 3 April, you asked:

"Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am writing to ask if the NAO for information on written risk assessments by the FCO in cases in Geneva Switzerland, involving several British citizens, as well as all official documentation relating to these risk assessments."

In a separate request, received later the same day, you asked:

"Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am writing to ask the NAO for all the data it holds on formal risk assessments by the FCO in cases linked to the International School of Geneva, Switzerland, involving several British citizens. This data should include formal reviews of these risk assessments, the reasons they were necessary, who authored them, who processed them, and how successful they were deemed to be."

As both your requests contain the same subject matter, we have considered them together - this response covers both requests, which are being handled under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We have searched our records and I can confirm that the NAO does not hold the information you requested. You may wish to contact FCO for this information, if you have not already done so.

I am sorry not to be able to help with your enquiry on this occasion. Annex A sets out the steps you may wish to take if you are not satisfied with the way we have handled your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely

Philip Taylor
Head of FOI

Annex A

Statement of Policy

Our policy is to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as helpfully and promptly as possible, having regard to the principles set out in the Act. I therefore hope you are happy with the way we have handled your request. If you are not, then you should take the following steps.

In the first instance, within 40 working days, write to the National Audit Office Freedom of Information (FOI) Team at FOI@nao.org.uk or by post to:

FOI Team, Red 2, National Audit Office, 157-197 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 9SP

The Head of FOI will arrange a review, which will be conducted by a senior member of staff who was not involved in decisions relating to your original request. Once the review has been completed we will write informing you of the outcome.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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