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Dear Mr Cook

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST REF: 0667-18

Thank you for your email of 08 June asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

Please could you send me any correspondence with the House of Commons - either the Commission, the Liaison Committee, members of the House Service - relating to trips abroad by Keith Vaz in his capacity as a member of the Home Affairs Select Committee.

It strikes me that there are several ways that this could be achieved - and I am happy to take your advice on how to make this manageable.

I would note that the sessional records show he was present for the following trips:

17.3.2009	Prague
14.9.2009	Lisbon and Madrid
2.10.2009	Netherlands
27.2.2011	Turkey
14.6.2011	Athens
4.3.2012	Miami and Bogotá
3.3.2013	Qatar and the United Arab Emirates
20.5.2013	Bucharest, Romania
3.3.2014	Nairobi, Kenya

If you could assist me, as per section 16, to slim down my request if necessary, I would appreciate it.

You were asked to refine your request and on the 22 June replied as follows:

Could we go for the first four chronologically?

9.9.2007	Lisbon, Portugal
14.10.2007	Washington DC

12.5.2008 *Ukraine and Russia*
2.10.2008 *India and Bangladesh*

I am writing to advise you that following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested on Lisbon is not held by this Department.

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Yours sincerely,

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