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Mr Matthew Kennard

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Dear Mr Kennard,

Your Freedom Of Information Request: FOI2021/25988

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 29th September. In your request you asked for;

The Prosperity Fund programme for Mexico was budgeted £60m from 2017-23. Please disclose how this spending is broken down and the names of, and amounts budgeted for, each contractor for the programme.

Please also disclose the contracts signed with these contractors.

I can confirm that the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office does hold information falling within the terms of your request.

The FOI Act obliges us to respond to requests promptly, and in any case no later than 20 working days after receiving your request. However, when a qualified exemption applies to the information and the public interest test is engaged, the Act allows the time for response to be longer than 20 working days, and a full response must be provided within such time as is reasonable in all circumstances of the case. We do, of course, aim to make all decisions within 20 working days, including in cases where we need to consider where the public interest lies in respect of a request for exempt information. In this case, however, we have not yet reached a decision on where the balance of the public interest lies.

In your case we estimate that it will take an additional 20 days to take a decision on where the balance of the public interest lies Therefore, we plan to let you have a response by 22th December. If it appears that it will take longer than this to reach a conclusion, we will keep you informed.

The specific exemption which applies in relation to your request is:

Section 43 - Commercial Interests

Please write to the Information Rights Unit, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, Room WH2.177, King Charles Street, London, SW1A 2AH. E-mail: information.rights@fcdo.gov.uk if you have any queries about this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Unit