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Dear Mr Hart,

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0938-13**

Thank you for your email of 8 October asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

- 1. A breakdown of all FCO funding given to the Quilliam Foundation for the last five years, and any future planned/allocated spend. I would like the total amounts given and information on specific projects funding was given for, if any.*
- 2. Copies of all correspondence between the FCO and the Quilliam Foundation for the year 2013.*

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.

1. 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 relevant to your request can be found on Hansard via the following link:

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmhansrd/cm110315/halltext/110315h0001.htm>

I can confirm that no further funding has been provided by the FCO to the Quilliam Foundation since 2011.

We are unable to provide a breakdown and information on specific projects which have received funding beyond what is already published as this information is exempt under Section 24 (1) (National Security) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 24 is a qualified exemption, which means that it is subject to a public interest test. We acknowledge the public interest in openness and transparency, but consider that there is also a public interest in the FCO protecting national security. We have therefore concluded that the exemption applies and that withholding the material serves the public interest better than release in this instance.

2. Please see Annex A for a digest of information relevant to your request.

Some information relating to correspondence between the FCO and the Quilliam Foundation has been withheld under the following sections.

A small amount of information has been exempted under section 40(2) and (3) as some of the information is personal data relating to third parties. It is our view that disclosure of this information would breach the first data protection principle, which states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. In this case, the names of officials and members of the Quilliam Foundation have been removed.

I hope you are satisfied with this reply. However, if you wish to make a complaint or if you would like a review of our decision, please write to the FOI and DPA Team, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Room K4.10-13, King Charles Street, London, SW1A 2AH. E-mail: [foi-dpa.imd@fco.gov.uk](mailto:foi-dpa.imd@fco.gov.uk). You have 40 working days to do so from the date of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may then apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the FCO. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

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