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Dear Dr Emma L Briant

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST REF: FOI2020/00616-00621**

Thank you for your email of 3rd February asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

*FOI2020/00616 - "Full list of any projects undertaken or bid for on research/TAA/Strategic communication projects by Behavioural Dynamics and Harrington Oakes between 1993 and 1999 - including project description, dates, and how much any specific contract was funded for."*

*FOI2020/00617 – "Full list of any projects undertaken or bid for on research/TAA/Strategic communication projects by Behavioural Dynamics, Universal Live Communications and Harrington Oakes, between beginning of 1989 - end of 1991 including project description, dates, and how much any specific contract was funded."*

*FOI2020/00619 – "Full list of any projects undertaken or bid for on research/TAA/Strategic communication projects by the companies Retail Dynamics and Universal Live Communications between 1993 and 2005 - including project description, dates, and how much any specific contract was funded for."*

*FOI2020/00621 – "Full list of any projects undertaken or bid for on research/TAA/Strategic communication projects by Behavioural Dynamics and Harrington Oakes, between 1999 and 2005 - including project description, dates, and how much any specific contract was funded for."*

I can confirm that the FCO may hold information relevant to your request.

As all of your requests relate to same or similar information we are aggregating them for the purposes of Regulation 5 of the Limits and Fees Regulations 2004 and Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

Section 12 of the Freedom of Information act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit has been specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. For central government the appropriate limit is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 3 ½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

We recently processed a similar request (reference FOI2020/00111). If you wish your further requests to be considered, you will need to resubmit these, allowing a period of 60 working days between each request, and being sure to frame your requests clearly and narrowly to ensure they fit within the £600 limit. We provided guidance on how to do this in our last response. We will then consider each one in turn against the exemptions under the FOI Act.

Please note that any new request will be given a separate reference number and we will then consider whether we can provide the information requested within the appropriate cost limit. This would of course be subject to the consideration of whether any of the other exemptions under the FOI Act apply.

If you would like to request a review of our decision, or if you wish to make a complaint, please write to the Central FOI Unit at Room WH2.177, King Charles Street, London SW1A 2AH, or by e-mail to [foi-dpa.pmcs@fco.gov.uk](mailto:foi-dpa.pmcs@fco.gov.uk). Please note that you have 40 working days from the date of this letter in which to submit a request for an internal review.

You can apply directly to the Information Commissioner. However, the Information Commissioner will not normally make a decision unless you have first 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,

Central FOI Unit



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