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Dear Mr Walker,

Your Freedom Of Information Request: 0130-17

Thank you for your email of 1st February asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

Please give me any information you hold on:

- *The make & model of laptops, desktop computers, and other computer devices that will be issued to London-based staff as part of the 'Tech Overhaul' IT reform project.*
- *Which categories of staff will be issued with which devices.*
- *The estimated time frame against which the issuing of new devices will take place.*

If this request may make too much time to answer then please prioritise the first question.

I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth 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 working days to take a decision on where the balance of the public interest lies. Therefore, we plan to let you have a response by **29th March 2017**. If it appears that it will take longer than this to reach a conclusion, we will keep you informed.

The specific exemptions which apply in relation to your request are: Section 24 and Section 31.

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Please contact me if you have any queries about this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Knowledge & Technology Directorate.



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