



Foreign & Commonwealth Office

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Thank you for your email dated 22 April 2009 in which you requested information on the total assessed and total voluntary contributions made by the United Kingdom to the United Nations System for the years 2000, 2001 and 2007.

Your request has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act"). The Foreign and Commonwealth Office holds the information relevant to your request. However, the following exemption applies:

SECTION 21 (INFORMATION ACCESSIBLE TO THE APPLICANT BY OTHER MEANS)

Under the FOI Act a public authority is not obliged to provide a copy of the information it holds if it is easily accessible to the applicant by other means. The information you seek is available in the public domain and can be found in the relevant Foreign and Commonwealth Office Departmental Reports (DR). The Departmental Report is a Government Publication (Command Paper) and forms part of our accountability to Parliament, to the public and to other stakeholders. It is published in both print and web versions on an annual basis.

A complete archive of FCO Departmental Reports (1997-2006) can be found at:

- <http://collections.europarchive.org/tna/20080205132101/http://www.fco.gov.uk/servlet/Front?pagename=OpenMarket/Xcelerate/ShowPage&c=Page&cid=1007029395438> – **See Appendix D.**

The DR for 2007/2008 is also available on the FCO website at:

- <http://www.fco.gov.uk/resources/en/pdf/dr-2008-full> - **See p132 – Table 14.**

Access to government publications

The Stationery Office (TSO) Official Documents website also hosts the full texts of many Command Papers. They are also available to purchase from the TSO Online Bookshop at www.tsoshop.co.uk or via the British Library, see <http://www.bl.uk/>. You can also view Command Papers in person at the both National and Parliamentary Archives.

Further Information

In addition to the Departmental Reports, further detailed information on FCO expenditure can be found on the UK Parliament website at:

- http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/foreign_affairs_committee/foreign_affairs_committee_reports_and_publications.cfm.

The Foreign Affairs Committee (FAC) is the parliamentary select committee which scrutinises the expenditure, administration and policy of the FCO and its associated public bodies. The FAC produces its own corresponding reports and these (as well as the Government responses) can also be found on the UK Parliament website.