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Thank you for your letter of 22 July 2015 asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

"I would like to make a request for the following information:

- A) *The total income the Bangkok Consulate receives from the Treasury annually.*
- B) *The total income the Bangkok Consulate receives from fee charges annually*
- C) *The total amount refunded to the Treasury annually*

We have now completed our search and consultation process and I can confirm that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold some information relevant to your request.

For question A) Bangkok does not receive any income directly from HM Treasury. The FCO is funded as a department by HM Treasury and, in turn, overseas Posts are allocated a budget through a planning exercise that takes place annually. The Bangkok Embassy's budget was £2,082,146 in FY 2014-15. This administration budget is to cover all activities carried out by the Bangkok Embassy within the year.

The total cost of running the Consular operation in Bangkok in FY 2014-15 was calculated to be £1,564,076. This cost is calculated through the FCO cost model which includes the total direct expenditure plus the Consulate's share of management and support.

For question B) The total income the Bangkok Consulate received from fee charges in FY 2014 -15 was £576,233.47.



It is government policy that the cost of Consular services should be borne by the beneficiaries of the service and not subsidised by the UK taxpayer. We calculate the Consular fees we charge so that they cover the full cost of the Consular operation globally.

Fees for services are set at the same level throughout the overseas network rather than based on the cost of the service at the location it is provided.

For question C) The FCO is funded net of any income, so no money is refunded from Bangkok to HM Treasury.

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Yours sincerely,

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