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Dear Mr Richard Reeve,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST REF: FOI2021/28756

Thank you for your email of 7th September asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. Please accept my apologies for the delay there has been in issuing your response. You asked:

"I would like to request the following information around the external consultation conducted by the FCO and DFID (and the unified FCDO after Sep 2020) for the recent Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy:

[1] What mechanisms for external consultation were employed by the FCO and DFID to inform the Integrated Review?

[2] Which organisations outside of UK Government were consulted by the FCO and DFID in preparation for the Integrated Review?

[3] How were they engaged in consultation?"

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed the search for the information which you requested.

I can confirm that the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) does hold information relevant to your request. The information is exempt from disclosure under section 21(1) of the FOIA as it is already reasonably accessible to you and can be found on Pages 106 and 107 of the following link to the [Integrated Review of Security Defence Development and Foreign Policy](#) which is available on the Gov.UK website.

In relation to Questions 2 and 3 of your request, Cabinet Office convened a working group for Communications and Engagement across a set of relevant departments and we fed into their central list. As Cabinet Office undertook the consultation we do not hold any further information relevant to these parts of your request.

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Yours sincerely,

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