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Chris Jones

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Dear Mr Jones,

Thank you for your e-mail to Alex Hamiliton on the 22nd Feb 2013 in which you requested:

"1.   Can UKTI say which UK companies and trade associations went on the mission, and with which Indian counterparts they met? If not, is it possible to say how many companies or trade associations went on the mission and the products and services with which they are concerned?

2.   Which minister or ministers led the trip?

3.   What was the total cost of the trip to UKTI?

4.   Who were UKTI's "partners/sponsors" for the mission, as referenced in the flyer?

5.   The flyer notes that the market is "vast and desperate to modernise". Given the size and potential importance of this sector to UK firms, why is it not mentioned in the recently-published India-UK: A Natural Fit?

6.   What is the rationale for subsiding companies to attend the mission?"

1.   A list of companies attending is attached at Annex A, with 1 redaction at their request under s38 (Health & Safety). No UK Trade Associations were in attendance. We do not have records of who each company met.

2.   James Brokenshire MP, Minister for Security (Home Office).

3.   The total expenditure so far is £35,625.98, with some expenses still outstanding. We have also generated income of £13,485 with another £1,170 expected. Therefore the net cost minus the expenses still to come is £20,997.98.

4.   UKTI organised the mission with the help and support of the Indian government, principally the Home Ministry, and received assistance in organising the mission from the Confederation of Indian Industries.

5.   No information is held covering this question but it is simply not possible to highlight the breadth of our industrial security co-operation in all fora.

6.   As part of a wider programme of support being made available to UK companies, additional funding has been made available to encourage companies to use the Overseas Market Introduction Service (OMIS). All eligible companies commissioning an order linked to a UKTI, Scottish Development International (SDI), Welsh Government (WG) or Invest Northern Ireland (INI) supported outward mission or Market Visit Support (MVS) will receive a 50% OMIS discount up to a maximum of £750.

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Section 38 (Health and Safety).   Section 38 of the act allows information to be withheld if it is likely that release of the information is likely to put any individual at risk or greater risk. One of the companies that attended has expressed their concern that their staff could be endangered if their name is released publically as an attendee at the event. Since this has been raised specifically by the company I feel the balance of interest must lie with protecting the individuals concenred.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:
john.flynn@ukti.gsi.gov.uk.

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wimslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

Signed *Malcolm Allan*

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Policy & Resources Secretariat

Annex A
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LIST OF UK COMPANIES ON SECURITY MINISTERIAL MISSION TO INDIA 2013

Serial	Company
1	Aeroglow
2	Agusta Westland
3	Andor
4	Avon Protection
5	BAES
6	Chemring
7	Cobham
8	Cunning Running
9	Digital Grape
10	Evidence Talks
11	G4S
12	General Dynamics UK
13	IDG Security
14	Indigovision
15	xxxxxx (S38 Health & Safety)
16	Qioptiq
17	Smiths Detection
18	Strongfield Technologies
19	Supreme Group UK
20	Thales
21	Thermo Fisher Scientific
22	Ultra Electronics
23	Veritair
24	Wavesight