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Dear Mr Simpson

Freedom of Information Act 2000 request reference no: F2006/154

I am writing to confirm that DFID has now completed its search for the information which you requested on 21 June 2006.

You asked the following: "What funding the UK Government has been supplying to "Peace Now" either directly or indirectly in each of the years 2000-2006...whether the UK Government is funding any similar group in the Palestinian Authority territories whose objective is to foster peace and reconciliation with and recognition of the State of Israel. Similarly in relation to the abandonment of the so called Palestinian "Right of Return.""

The UK government funds Peace Now through the Global Conflict Prevention Pool (GCPP). The GCPP is jointly managed by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Department for International Development and the Ministry of Defence and has funded Peace Now since 2003. Levels of funding have been as follows:

2003/04 - £55,000
2004/05 - £82,000
2005/06 - £66,343
2006/07 - £110,000

The GCPP and DFID provide assistance to several other organisations working to achieve a peaceful reconciliation of the Israeli Palestinian conflict. These are:

The Negotiations Affairs Department of the PLO
The Association for Civil Rights in Israel
Ir Amin
Economic Co-operation Foundation
Council for Peace and Security



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The UK government is committed to finding a solution to the refugee issue.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely

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