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Dear Ms Davis,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your e-mail of 23 September in which you ask for information from the identity and Passport Service's records of UK residents.

You have asked:

What I would like to know is, for each first name / surname combination, what the incidence of that name combination in the UK population is.

What I would envisage in terms of a reply is a table with three columns: First name, Surname, and in the third column, the number of people found during the census with that first name and surname combination. An Excel spreadsheet would be an ideal format, but csv or similar will be acceptable if that is not possible.

I regret to inform you that whilst the IPS holds data on individual passport applicants, we do not hold data on "records of UK residents" as you have specified. Our General Register Office hold the record of births, marriages, civil partnerships and deaths for England and Wales. Information from these records are available only via a certified copy of each entry on payment of the appropriate fee; we are not in a position to use them to compile lists of information of the type that you seek.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting your complaint to:

Information Rights Team
Information and Record Management Service
Home Office
4th Floor, Seacole Building



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During the independent review the department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. Should you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you will have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

I realise that this response may be a disappointment to you. However I would like to assure you that that I am confident that we do not hold the information that you asked for.

Yours sincerely

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