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Dear Dr Tai,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 25 January 2016 in which you refined your Freedom of Information request of 19 December 2015, when you asked for information on the number of valid British passports.

On 19 December, you requested the following:

Would you please provide the following information using the latest statistics you have? The number of valid British passports, separately listed by type. By valid passports, I mean those that have not expired and (to your knowledge) have not been cancelled. By type, I mean the following: British citizens (machine-readable code GBR), British Overseas Territories Citizens (GBD), British Overseas citizens (GBO), British subjects (GBS), British protected persons (GBP), British Nationals (Overseas) (GBN), Queen's Messenger, Gibraltar, Guernsey, Jersey, and Isle of Man.

On 25 January, you wrote:

I have refined my request by leaving out "Queen's Messenger, Gibraltar, Guernsey, Jersey, and Isle of Man." Indeed, to avoid rounds of iterative refinement, may I please suggest that you provide the information by type from British citizens (GBR) onwards until the fee threshold is reached.

I am writing further to our response of 27 January 2016 about your above request. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We are now in a position to provide a full reply to your request.

I am able to disclose the following information:

Number of valid passports*	Listed by type
48,821,200	British Citizens (GBR)
7,700	British Overseas Territories Citizens (GBDO)
15,200	British Overseas Citizen (GBO)
43,100	British Subjects (GBS)
1,500	British Protected Person (GBP)
143,200	British National Overseas (GBN)

**As at 31 December 2015, rounded to the nearest 100*

I hope that this information meets your requirements. I would like to assure you that we have provided you with all relevant information that Her Majesty's Passport Office holds.

Yours sincerely,

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