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Dear Mr Chan

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 3 August, in which you ask for information on the number of British National (Overseas) passports issued.

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act).

Please disclose the number of British National (Overseas) passports issued either in UK or overseas from 1 July to 31 December 1997 (excluding the first passports if possible), every year since 1998 (i.e. Year 1998, 1999, 2000, ... , 2015) and the first half of 2016.

678,566 British National (Overseas) passports were issued between January 1997 and June 2016. The annex below shows the numbers issued in each calendar year.

We only hold figures for 1997 in full year format. Please be aware that our records do not distinguish between first passports issued and subsequent renewals. All British National (Overseas) passports are therefore included within the data provided.

Yours sincerely

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The table below contains figures for the number British National (Overseas) passports issued from January 1997 until June 2016*.

Year	British National (Overseas) passports issued
1997	12,090
1998	3,881
1999	6,250
2000	5,624
2001	139,159
2002	116,345
2003	81,690
2004	79,107
2005	46,801
2006	37,392
2007	17,347
2008	8,905
2009	8,737
2010	8,039
2011	7,654
2012	10,933
2013	15,338
2014	22,022
2015	26,027
2016	25,225

*Figures may include a small number of applications where a subsequent change to nationality status has been identified.