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Dear Mr Lo

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

Thank you for your email of 10 January 2017, in which you ask for information on the number of UK passports issued by type. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act).

**Please disclose the number of all different types British passports (i.e. BC, BOTC, BN(O), BOC, BS, BPP) issued every month in 2016 (i.e. January, February, March, .... , December).**

Her Majesty’s Passport Office (HM Passport Office) issued a total of 6,913,866 UK passports during 2016. The table below shows the number of passports issued by month and type of UK passport issued\*. The abbreviations used in the table are explained within the annex below.

<b>Total passports issued by month in 2016 and type of UK passport issued</b>										
Month	GBC	GBDE	GBDO	GBE	GBN	GBO	GBP	GBR	GBSE	GBSN
January	6	42	396	0	3,284	97	13	574,063	275	7
February	2	33	556	0	6,899	162	13	730,258	472	13
March	10	47	731	0	5,491	134	12	779,800	432	10
April	10	46	644	1	3,376	134	13	776,931	401	4
May	6	58	601	1	3,703	103	18	728,919	328	7
June	18	50	892	0	2,707	104	14	717,526	328	8
July	13	48	1,484	0	2,536	95	7	596,088	321	5
August	17	55	1,289	0	2,356	99	11	513,924	289	14
September	8	51	1,157	0	2,087	115	16	461,901	261	7
October	8	33	970	1	1,618	109	5	378,327	256	6
November	5	52	1,149	0	2,019	96	9	350,761	195	5
December	0	38	788	0	1,425	85	6	251,311	125	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>10,657</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>37,501</b>	<b>1,333</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>6,859,809</b>	<b>3,683</b>	<b>87</b>

Please also disclose the number of valid British passports separately listed by type (i.e. BC, BOTC, BN(O), BOC, BS, BPP) as at 31 December 2016.

There are currently 49,432,575 valid passports as of 31 December 2016. The table below shows the number of valid passports by type of UK passport issued\*.

Number of valid UK passports by type of UK passport issued (as of 31 December 2016)	
GBC	93
GBDE	1,948
GBDO	16,370
GBE	15
GBN	152,351
GBO	14,249
GBP	1,455
GBR	49,206,370
GBSE	38,806
GBSN	918
<b>Total</b>	<b>49,432,575</b>

I trust that this information meets your requirements. I would like to assure you that we have provided you with all the relevant information that HM Passport Office holds.

Yours sincerely

**P Feakins**  
**Parliamentary Correspondence Unit**

\*This is Management Information and subject to change. These statistics have been taken from a live operational database. As such, the numbers may change as information on that system is updated.

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## Annex

### Abbreviations Code Key

GBC	Commonwealth Citizen, non-EU passport
GBDE	British, British Dependent Territories Citizen, Gibraltar - eligible to hold an EU type passport
GBDO	British, British Dependent Territories Citizen, non-EU passport
GBE	European Union Citizen
GBN	British National Overseas, non-EU passport
GBO	British Overseas Citizen, non-EU passport
GBP	British Protected Person, non-EU passport
GBR	British Citizen
GBSE	British Subject, with right of abode in UK, eligible to hold an EU type passport
GBSN	British subject, without right of abode -non EU passport entitlement