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Dear Mr Green

Thank you for your enquiry of 19 February in which you requested information on the total number of spouse visas processed and refused by selected nationalities. Your request is being handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

1. Total number of spouse visa applications processed for the following nationalities from January 1 2016 to 31 December 2016:

Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Egypt, India, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russia, South Africa, Thailand, Turkey, United States

2. Total number of refusals for spouse visa applications processed for the following nationalities from January 1 2016 to 31 December 2016:

Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Egypt, India, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russia, South Africa, Thailand, Turkey, United States

Annual totals will be sufficient, I do not need monthly totals.

As I do not know how you hold this data internally, I allow you some flexibility as to how the information is tabulated.

Response

We believe the information you have requested is already reasonably accessible to you. This can be found on the Home office website within provided links:-

The Home Office's Immigration Statistics October - December 2016 release is available for download at: [_https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/immigration-statistics-october-to-december-2016](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/immigration-statistics-october-to-december-2016) with table vi_02_q: available at [_https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/593020/entry-visas1-q4-2016-tables.ods](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/593020/entry-visas1-q4-2016-tables.ods)

Please see separately attached data for ease of reference.

We do not hold information in a different format and we are under no obligation to provide it in a different format.

Therefore, the data you have requested is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act which exempts the Home Office from having to provide you with this information, because it is already reasonably accessible

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the address below, quoting reference 42944. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely

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<http://www.homeofficesurveys.homeoffice.gov.uk/s/108105TAZNG>