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Dear Mr Lo

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 18 January, 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. The abbreviations used in this response are explained within the annex below.

1) The number of passports issued each month (i.e. January, February, March, ,December) in 2017 split by passport type (i.e. BC, BOTC, BN(O), BOC, BS, BPP).

Her Majesty’s Passport Office issued a total of 6,777,726 UK passports during 2017. The table below shows the number of passports issued by month and type of UK passport issued.

Total UK passports issued by month in 2017 and type of UK passport issued										
Month	GBC	GBDE	GBDO	GBE	GBN	GBO	GBP	GBR	GBSE	GBSN
January	0	29	983	0	1,653	115	11	589,872	324	6
February	0	26	1,093	0	1,583	104	17	656,567	370	7
March	3	43	1,194	0	1,749	117	16	797,951	385	8
April	10	35	1,225	0	1,445	99	16	638,897	293	8
May	16	39	1,385	1	1,661	135	15	803,197	362	8
June	27	37	1,517	0	1,898	110	12	668,758	232	11
July	34	53	1,584	1	1,748	105	8	656,308	274	8
August	19	56	1,548	0	1,604	100	20	533,193	264	12
September	9	50	861	0	1,878	127	13	408,600	228	2

October	2	28	1,067	0	1,658	96	9	373,389	215	7
November	0	25	1,078		1,828	109	17	369,105	177	3
December	4	23	974	1	1,036	85	13	242,277	115	3
Total	124	444	14,509	3	19,741	1,302	167	6,738,114	3,239	83

2) The number of valid British passports split by passport type (i.e. BC, BOTC, BN(O), BOC, BS, BPP) as at 31 December 2017.

There are currently 49,971,015 valid passports as of 31 December 2017. 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 2017)	
GBC	173
GBDE	2,202
GBDO	30,252
GBE	12
GBN	158,107
GBO	13,379
GBP	1,408
GBR	49,728,584
GBSE	36,029
GBSN	869
Total	49,971,015

Yours sincerely

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Abbreviations Code Key

GBC	Commonwealth Citizen, non-EU passport
GBDE	British, British Dependent Territories Citizen, Gibraltar – eligible to an EU 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 EU type passport
GBSN	British subject, without right of abode-non EU passport entitlement