



HM Passport Office

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Dear Mr Lim

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 27 June in which you ask for information regarding British National (Overseas) passports.

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

Dear HM Passport Office,

I would like to request the following information

- The current number of valid British National (Overseas) passports

Her Majesty's Passport Office can confirm the total number of British National (Overseas) passports that currently are in circulation as of 26 June 2020 is 363,099.

- The number of BN(O) passport applications processed since June 2019

Her Majesty's Passport Office can confirm the total number of British National (Overseas) passports that have been processed from 1 June 2019 to 30 June 2020 is 198,274.

- The number of persons eligible to renew/apply for a BN(O) passport

I confirm that the Home Office holds the information which you have requested. However, we believe that the information is already reasonably accessible to you. It can be found at <https://homeofficemedia.blog.gov.uk/2020/05/29/media-factsheet-hong-kong-bnos/>

Section 21(1) of the FOIA exempts the Home Office from having to provide you with this information, because it is already reasonably accessible to you. If you have any difficulties in accessing this information at the source which I have indicated, please contact me again.

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 foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk, quoting reference 59269/20. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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

Yours sincerely

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