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Dear Mr Mantle

Thank you for your enquiry of 11 March, in which you requested information regarding Ukrainian citizens that have been granted political asylum within a specific timeframe. Your request is being handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please can you tell me how many people have been granted Political Asylum, who are from the Ukraine since 2012?

We apologise but whilst we do publish data on the numbers of grants of refugee leave we do not publish data on the reasons for grant.

Here is a link to published stats which Migration Stats produce.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/immigration-statistics-october-to-december-2015-data-tables>

The data is located in the first asylum spreadsheet and includes the number of grants to Ukrainian nationals.

Providing data on the reasons for grants would require a physical check of the electronic case records for each case which would breach the cost threshold for FOI requests. Under section 12(1) of the Act, the Home Office is not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the designated cost limit.

We believe that to provide the information you are seeking would breach this cost limit and as such we are unable to supply it to you.

The Home Office is not obliged to comply with any information request where the prescribed cost of supplying you with the information exceeds £600. The £600 limit applies to all central government departments and is based on work being carried out at a rate of £25 per hour, which equates to 24 hours work per request. Prescribed costs include those which cover the cost of locating, retrieving and extracting information. They do not include considering whether any information is exempt from disclosure, overheads such as heating or lighting, or disbursements such as photocopying or postage.

If you were to resubmit a more specific request of narrower scope then we would reconsider it, although we cannot guarantee that any information covered by a narrower request would be disclosed.

Further information about resubmitting a more specific request can be found at :

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-freedom-of-information/refusing-a-request/>

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 **38913**. 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>