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Dear Mr Lo

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 1 April in which you ask for a breakdown of the costs involved in a passport renewal application.

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

Could you help to supply a breakdown of the costs associated with the issuing of a new British passport for an adult and a child?

Please refer to the previous response in 2011:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/118636/17949-breakdown-costs-passport.pdf

Her Majesty's Passport Office cannot provide a breakdown of the passport fee for each passport issued. Passport activities include all services relating to the processing of the application, issuing and delivering passports, an element for consular protection overseas and an element for processing UK passport holders at UK borders. Fees are set in line with HM Treasury guidance – Managing Public Money, to recover the full cost of providing these services and are not set to make a surplus or deficit. A fee is charged for all passports except for those issued to war veterans, that is, those born on or before 2 September 1929.

The fee charged for a passport application depends on the service required. We have different fees depending on the number of pages in the passport, whether the application is made online, by paper application or in person at one of our regional offices.

For your information I have attached the link to the current passport fees charged:
<https://www.gov.uk/passport-fees>.

In addition, details of all income and expenditure for Her Majesty's Passport Office are included in the Home Office accounts for 2018/19 and I have attached the link to the Accounts for your information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/home-office-annual-report-and-accounts2018-to-2019>

Pages 106 to 107 contain details of fees and charges. Pages 131 to 132 contain the statement of operating costs. Page 135 provides details of expenditure and page 162 contains details of the consular fee.

Yours sincerely

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