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Dear Mr James

Thank you for your enquiry of 9 August, in which you requested information regarding the Commonwealth Two Year Working Holiday Scheme, and the Youth Mobility Scheme. Your enquiries have been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

### Information Requested

*I would like to know the annual numbers of applicants and percentage of visa applications which have been successful under the Commonwealth Two Year Working Holiday Scheme and the same it's successor the Youth Mobility Scheme for the 5 year period before and the 5 year period after the change from one scheme to the other - i.e. 2003 to 2013 inclusive. This should be broken down by country.*

### Response

The response to your enquiries is attached as Annex 1 – 2003 until 2005.

These figures have been taken from a live operational database. As such, numbers may change as information on that system is updated.

The data from 2005 onwards are already published, we provided a contribution for this below;

The Home Office publishes data on Tier 5 Youth Mobility visas and 'Working holidaymakers' visas in the '[Immigration Statistics Quarterly Release](#)'. Data on applications for 'Youth Mobility' and 'Working Holidaymakers' visas, by nationality, are published in table Vis\_D01 of the '[Entry clearance visa applications and outcomes' detailed datasets](#)'. Data on grants of these visas, by nationality, are published in table Vis\_D02 of the same file. Information on how to use the datasets can be found in the 'Notes' page of the workbook. Data from 2005 to March 2020 are included.

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](mailto:foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk), quoting reference **59840**. 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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Yours sincerely

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