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Dear Notary Public,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF ACT 2000: REF 0224-11

Thank you for your e-mail of 25 February to the Information Rights Team at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) in which you requested the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA or Act):

- 1.How many Adult First-Time Applications for British Passports have been MADE in British High Commission in Newdelhi since BNA-1981 came in to force on 01.01.1983?
- 2.How many Adult First-Time Applications for British Passports have been REFUSED in British High Commission in Newdelhi since BNA-1981came in to force on 01.01.1983?
- 3.On WHAT GROUNDS refusal was made?
- 4.How many Adult First-Time Applications for British Passports have been MADE in British Deputy High Commission in Chennai [Madras]South India in between 2005 and 01.07.2009?
- 5.How many Adult First-Time Applications for British Passports have been REFUSED in British Deputy High Commission in Chennai [Madras] South India in between 2005 and 01.07.2009?
- 6.On WHAT GROUNDS refusal was made?
- 7.In which, how many of them Muslim applications?
- 8.In which, how many of them, PASSPORT FEE RETAINED, prior to Consular Fee Order 2008?
- 9.In which, how many of them, PASSPORT FEE RETURNED to the applicant prior to Consular Fee Order 2008?
- 10.In which, how many of them, PASSPORT FEE RETAINED, after the Consular Fee Order 2008?
- 11.In which, how many of them, PASSPORT FEE RETURNED to the applicant after the Consular Fee Order 2008?
- 12.How long is the average process time taken to each Adult First-Time Applications by British High Commission?
- 13.How many Adult First-Time Applications for British Passports are still being processed and pending through PPT applications in British High Commission in Newdelhi, at present?

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14. Why Adult First-Time Applications submitted according to ukindia@fco.gov.uk instructions, with passport fees to the PPT applications, British High Commission, New Delhi India has been returned to addressee without any reason or covering letter?

15. Why important original documents like Collegiate Mark sheets, School records, Family photographs and Identity documents are RETAINED by the British High Commission?

16. Why British High Commission's correspondences sent to the applicants are only with illegible sign without their name printed?"

Under Section 8(1) of the FOIA, the FCO is entitled to treat as invalid a request where the real name of the applicant has not been used. Section 8(1) defines a request for information as one which is (a) in writing; (b) states the name of the applicant and an address for correspondence; and (c) describes the information requested. Section 84 of the Act also states that "the name of the applicant" in Section 8(1)(b) should be interpreted as the name of the person making the request.

It would appear that you have not used your real name in making this request. We therefore consider that it does not fall within the description of a request for information under Section 8(1) of the FOIA and are unable to provide a response.

We do not accept the use of a false or fictitious name under the FOIA. Generally, the inclusion of the requestor's title and/or first name together with their surname satisfies the requirement for the provision of a name. Under Section 16 of the Act, we will consider your request should you submit it again using your real name.

I hope you are satisfied with this reply. If you have any queries about this letter, or are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and you wish to make a complaint or if you would like a review of our decision, please write to the Information Rights Team at The Old Admiralty Building, Room SG 120, London, SW1A 2PA. E-mail: dp-foi.img@fco.gov.uk. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications. You have 40 working days to do so from the date of this letter.

As you have not submitted your real name and we are unable to process your request, you do not have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision, as Section 50 of the Act ordinarily provides.

We continually strive to improve our service, so we would welcome your feedback and comments. If you would like to provide feedback, please email our Information Rights Team at: dp-foi.img@fco.gov.uk.

You can also find out more about the FCO and freedom of information issues at our Access to Information website: <http://foi.fco.gov.uk/en>

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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